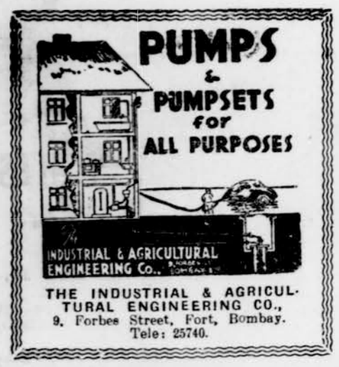

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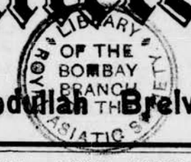

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Budget Speculations

Sinews Of War

How Finance Member Will Foot Bill Of 20 Crores

(From Our Correspondent)
NEW DELHI, Feb. 28.

Latest estimate of increased defence expenditure in the Assembly Lobby is Rs. 20 crores. This includes about Rs. 12 crores to be spent on ammunition factories and equipment. It is not yet known whether the whole expenditure would be incurred during the next financial year or spread over a period of two years.

Another important point relating to the Central budget statement to-morrow is that the Finance Member must be prepared for a tremendous fall in the Customs revenue next year.

It is pointed out that there is little chance of imports of sugar next year so that over Rs. 4 crores Customs revenue earned this year would go.

On the other hand the industry would suffer with the increased excise duty, although it is realised that with the estimated increase of production by ten lakhs the excise duty would yield about Rs. 2 crores more than the yield this year.

Another amusing lobby story suggests increased taxation in five cases, namely, salt, sugar, steel, silver and cement; but competent observers feel that the Finance Member would not hazard taxation which tells on industries and prejudices industrial stimulus. The feeling persists that, although salt and income-tax are attractive revenue producing sources with small increases in rates, these would also be avoided in the first year of war and might have to be depended upon when war continues. It is therefore, felt that no radical alteration, in taxation, beyond minor adjustments in certain duties, might be expected to-morrow.

It is also emphasised that the Finance Member would necessarily have a short range budget and if necessity arises have another emergency budget session during the autumn. Meanwhile the excess profits tax, expected increase in income-tax returns and excise duties next year and railway contributions and conversion and cash loans, it is felt, should meet the needs of foreseen calculations.

CRUCIAL ISSUES IN PROFITS BILL

NEW DELHI, Feb. 28.

The "United Press" learns that the crucial meeting of the Select Committee of the Excess Profits Tax Bill has been fixed to meet on Friday afternoon, the day after the presentation of the General Budget in the Central Assembly to-morrow.

The object of early meeting is to expedite the report of the committee which is ready in draft form, but the essential points involved have been postponed, till the financial position becomes fully known.

On that day, the Committee would decide 'inter alia' whether the rate of tax should be 50 per cent., whether the standard years should be those provided in the Bill or 1938 should be also included among the standard years, and whether life insurance companies and shipping concerns should be left out or included within the scope of the Bill. The Committee met this afternoon and completed examination of the third schedule and adjourned till 2-30 p.m. on Friday.—United Press.

Patna Bid To End Deadlock

STRUGGLE IF BRITAIN DOES NOT RELENT

All Powers To Mahatma: Congress Cabinet Plans Future Course Of Action: Socialists Fall In Line

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

PATNA, Feb 28.

Grim determination was writ large on the faces of the national leaders when they arrived at 2 p.m. at the Sadaqat Ashram where the Congress Working Committee met.

Earlier Pandit Nehru, Maulana Azad, Sardar Patel and Babu Rajendra Prasad were engaged in serious conversation for over an hours. Pandit Nehru was seen dominating the discussions.

An atmosphere of severity and seriousness prevails at the Sadaqat Ashram. It appears that the Congress High Command cannot but make a supreme bid to end the present political suspense in India.

CONGRESS CABINET MEETS

PATNA, Feb. 28.

The Working Committee met punctually at 2 in the afternoon at the library room of the Bihar Vidyapith, Sadaqat Ashram. Mahatma Gandhi did not attend. All members excepting Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, Seth Jamnalal Bajaj, Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu and Dr. B. C. Roy were present. Mrs. Naidu and Dr. Roy are expected tomorrow. Mr. Rajagopalachariar attended the meeting on special invitation.

When the Working Committee met, Acharya Narendra Deo and Dr. Rammanohar Lohia, the Congress Socialist leaders, were closeted with Mahatma Gandhi in his room and had a long talk with him on the present political situation in the country "vis-a-vis" the Congress Socialist Party's attitude towards it.

Police have pitched tents on the grounds adjoining the Ashram to control the crowds that are collecting.

PROCEEDINGS COMMENCE

The proceedings, it is understood, began with the consideration of the annual report presented by Acharya Kripalani.

Mr. Rajagopalachariar is attending the meeting.

Before the meeting Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru called on Maulana Azad and was closeted with him for some time.

The Congress Working Committee which resumed its sitting at 7 p.m. after the evening recess adjourned after about an hour's sitting.

The Committee will meet again to-morrow morning.

Gandhiji's Report

The "United Press" understands that Gandhiji who attended the meeting of the Committee for about two hours apprised the members of his recent talks with the Viceroy and gave a bit of his mind as to the situation created by the present deadlock. It is expected that the whole of to-morrow's sitting also will be devoted to general discussions and, when other members have arrived, definite resolutions will be drafted.

Not Inconclusive

Will Patna meeting give a clear-cut progromme?

From all accounts the trend of discussion in to-day's meeting was not of an inconclusive character and to all appearances Gandhiji has agreed to take up the leadership, and the Committee is going to abide by his decision.

In the circumstances to-morrow's sitting may prove momentous inasmuch as the main resolution on the general political situation will come up before the Committee, and the final decision

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Censure Of

CHAMBERLAIN GOVT.

Labour Motion For Next Week

LONDON, Feb. 28.

The Opposition Labour Party has decided to put down a motion of censure on the Government's statement to-day with regard to Palestine and the Liberal Opposition intend to support the motion which is likely to be debated next week.—Reuter.

How U-Boat Was Sunk

DANISH BOATS SUNK: DAMAGE TO "NELSON"

PARIS, Feb. 28.

It is officially announced that the torpedo-boat "Simoun" sank a U-Boat off Cape Finisterre.

Details of the sinking of the U-boat by the destroyer "Simoun," show that the destroyer was on patrol duty with several other ships.

When the periscope of the U-boat was sighted, Capt. Bataille, Commander of the "Simoun," ordered full speed ahead. The submarine dived, but the depth-charges were dropped on the spot and the submarine was so damaged that it was forced to the surface.

The "Simoun" then rammed the U-Boat the outer keel of which was ripped off. Further depth-charges were dropped and a huge stretch of oil, eight sea-miles long, marked the end of the U-Boat.

Danish Boats Sunk

COPENHAGEN. — Besides the loss of the Danish fishing boat "Ajiam" which sank after a mysterious explosion on Friday night, four more boats which had been stationed on the Dogger Bank are missing according to the "Berlingske Tidende" which adds that the whole Danish fishing fleet is on its way home from the Dogger Bank.

No reason has been yet given; but, according to unconfirmed reports, the fleet was attacked several times by aeroplanes.

"Nelson" Holed

The battleship "Nelson" which Mr. Churchill yesterday disclosed was struck by a mine in December was holed. It is believed that some members of the crew were injured.—Reuter.

SOCIALIST SUPPORT ASSURED TO GANDHIJI

Acharya Narendra Dev

Mahatma Gandhi

Mr. Jaiprakash

(From Our Correspondent)

PATNA, February 28.

Socialists have given a magnificent and courageous lead to other "Leftist" elements in India on the eve of the momentous decisions likely to be taken by the Congress. It is said that Acharya Narendra Dev, Mr. Jaiprakash and Dr. Lohia, prominent leaders of the party, who were closeted for a considerable time with Mahatma Gandhi to-day at the Sadaqat Ashram, have assured complete support to the Mahatma in the decisive lead that he is expected to give to the nation.

MAULANA AZAD FAVOURS

New Blood For Congress Cabinet

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)
ALLAHABAD, Feb. 28.

THE LIKELIHOOD OF CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE PERSONNEL OF THE CONGRESS WORKING COMMITTEE ARE BEING DISCUSSED IN POLITICAL CIRCLES HERE.

IT IS SAID MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD IS FAVOURABLY INCLINED TO THE INCLUSION OF NEW BLOOD IN THE SHAPE OF SOCIALISTS, WHO IT MAY BE NOTED, SOLIDLY SUPPORTED MAULANA AZAD'S CANDIDATURE AND SHOWED THEIR LOYALTY TO MAHATMA GANDHI'S LEADERSHIP

SOCIALISTS' CHANCES

Among Socialists whose names are considered likely for inclusion in the new Congress Working Committee are Acharya Narendradeo and Mr. Jaiprakash Narain. The chance of "Communists'" representation is also discussed.

C. R. TO BE INCLUDED

It is also considered likely that Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar may be included in the Working Committee. His services as Premier are not likely to be needed in Madras for a long time in view of the present stalemate and the probability of launching a struggle. Opinion therefore seems inclined to include him in the Congress Cabinet. Even if any settlement is reached Rajaji may easily be spared and a substitute found for him for the Working Committee.

Regarding the views of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad an inkling is available in political circles here. It is said Maulana Azad holds strong views to the effect that the communal question must be solved first and as soon as possible, otherwise Congress hobnobbing with Viceroy, etc., is bound to be futile. It is said although it was suggested to Maulana Abul Kalam Azad that he should have an interview with the Viceroy, Maulana Azad summarily dismissed the suggestion as useless. The suggestion appears to have been made before his election to the Congress gadi. The Maulana, it is said, takes an entirely different view of the present deadlock and in the matter of launching a struggle appears to have left some of his colleagues of Working Committee behind.

DR. ZIAUDDIN BLURTS IT OUT

(From Our Correspondent.)
NEW DELHI, Feb. 28.

Lively scenes were witnessed in the Assembly during question hour, when Sir Ziauddin had a wory duel with Sir M. Zafrulla. The passage-at-arms was over the question of appointment of liaison officers for leather and hide industry, raised in the course of supplementary questions.

Explaining why a European was chosen, Sir M. Zafrulla said that the industry was asked to suggest an alternative but, "they couldn't agree among themselves."

Sir Ziauddin amidst laughter exclaimed "that's the best way of evading the question. The British Government are always saying, you agree among yourselves, and we shall give you Dominion Status to-morrow".

The Law Member's only reply was "if you can't agree, what's to be done."

(Details last page.)

ANTI-JEWISH CAMPAIGN IN ITALY

ROME, Feb. 28.

From March 1, Jews will be excluded from most of the professions such as journalists, doctors, chemists, lawyers, accountants and engineers. Some exempted may offer their services solely to members of their own race.—Reuter.

RUSSO-TURKISH INCIDENTS

BUTLER'S STATEMENT IN COMMONS

Istanbul Denies Reports Of Recall Of Steamers From Foreign Waters

LONDON, Feb. 28.

In the House of Commons, asked to make a statement on "the recent military and diplomatic developments on the Russian and Turkish side of the Caucasus," Mr. Butler stated that Lord Halifax had received no official confirmation on the incidents on this frontier as recently reported in the press.

Asked further whether there were no activities in this part of the world, Mr. Butler declared: "There is always activity everywhere, but we have no confirmation of the incidents to the extent reported in the press."

Istanbul Denial

ISTANBUL:—Competent authorities here deny all knowledge of, and shipowners express astonishment at, the report alleging that the Cabinet has ordered all Turkish steamers in foreign waters to return immediately.

It is stated that some control of shipping might be envisaged at a later date, however, with a view to assuring coastal trade and national export requirements.

A Paris Report

An earlier cable stated:—

PARIS:—The Turkish Government has decided to forbid Turkish ships to call at foreign ports, says an Istanbul message.

All ships in foreign waters are being recalled by wireless.

A special Commission has been established at Istanbul to deal with exceptional cases, where there might be urgent need for a ship to enter a foreign port.

Nothing Known In London

Nothing is known in London regarding the reports that the Turkish Government has recalled all its merchant vessels from the Black Sea.

It is pointed out that there has been a spate of inaccurate rumours lately concerning Turkey and these, states Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent, have failed to produce any disquiet in informed British circles owing to the close and cordial relations which link the Western Powers with their near Eastern Ally.—Reuter.

Censor Does It

How Congress Manifesto Did Not Reach Masses In Britain

(From Our Correspondent).

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 28.

"What does the world think of the Congress stand with regard to war and India's independence? It is extremely difficult to know world reaction to India's attitude towards the war", said Dr. Balkrishna Keskar, Secretary of the Foreign Department of the All-India Congress Committee, interviewed by our correspondent. He added: "The censor has done his duty well, and India's demands and insistence on the declaration of war aims have not reached the mass of readers in Western countries. Newspapers are studiously kept out of the news."

The A. I. C. C. Office, however, has received a most interesting document showing the attitude of the French Radical Socialists. It is a manifesto issued by the French "Parti Socialist Ouvrier et Paysan". This party was the Left wing of the French Socialist Party and recently seceded from its parent body, due to differences of opinion. Its leader is M. Marcean Pivert.

The Manifesto says: "The Fifteenth September, 1939, when the Congress Working Committee made its declaration on war crisis will be marked as one of the great dates in world history. The Congress Working Committee gave expression to the desire, not only of its adherents and of 350 million Indians, but also spoke for over 600 millions of Colonial subjects who are under the yoke of Democracies of the British, French, Dutch and others. The stand taken by the Congress Committee has not come as a surprise. If there is some surprise, it is on account of its amplitude and status to speak not only in the name of India, but also in the name of humanity and for humanity.

It is this aspect which gives the document a universal value.

The dilemma wherein the Congress placed the British Government does not allow any side-tracking of issue. Either the Allies are really fighting for democracy and in that case, they must prove it by giving India her independence; or they confess by their silence that they are fighting not for democracy but for imperial privileges.

Proceeding, the manifesto says that India's example will exercise a contagious influence on all other people, not only of the British, but also of the French colonial empire.

We greet with joy this gesture of the Indian National Congress and if we have any regret, it is only this—that the ray of light that the Congress projected in the darkness of this war, came from the Indian National Congress alone and not from the International Working Class Movement. Alas, the Labour Movement has forgotten its historic mission. It is not to-day in the forefront of battle.

The manifesto, however, strikes a discordant note and complains that the Congress Working Committee do not go to the logical conclusion of their thoughts and say socialism alone is capable of bringing in the rule of the real democracy.

BOURGEOISIE INFLUENCE

The Party thinks that even to-day, the direction of national movement is under the influence of Bourgeoisie, and they will not like slogans that can be used against them. The manifesto condemns the existence in Soviet Russia of a bureaucratic caste which is slowly becoming the new dominant class. It warns people against this "most dangerous trap of Russia."

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Dated 29th Feb. 1940. (12874).

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NOTICE.

GREYHOUND RACING AT UDHNA.

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Fares will be charged as to Surat.

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BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.

NOTICE.

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the right of collecting and removing blood from the Municipal Slaughter Houses at Bandra for a period of 3 years commencing from 1st April 1940.

The tender must be accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 500 and should be addressed to the Municipal Commissioner and delivered at the Office of the Chief Accountant, Bombay Municipality, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, not later than 1 p.m. (B.T.) on THURSDAY, the 14th March, 1940, in sealed envelopes superscribed "Tender for the right of collecting and removing blood from the Bandra Slaughter Houses".

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In the advertisement inviting applications for the posts of Subordinate Judges, appearing in the issue of the "Bombay Chronicle", dated, 17th February, 1940, for the word and figures "30th April, 1940" read "30th April 1939" and for the words "mother tongue" read "sufficient knowledge of."

J. B. FERNANDES.
Secretary.
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Attention of all members and ex-members is also drawn that payment of all OUTSTANDING DIVIDEND upto and inclusive of the period ending with 30th June, 1936, should be applied for and obtained on or before 1-6-1940. Any dividend due to any member or ex-member in respect of which no application for payment is received by 1-6-1940 will be carried over and credited to the Contingency Reserve of the Bank, and no claim thereto will thereafter be entertained. Details of such outstanding items are notified on the Notice Board of the Bank.

(By Order of the Board).
H. F. KAPADIA.
Secretary.
ADAM'S PARK, MADRAS.
24th February, 1940.
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SALE at 4 P.M. (S. T.)

LOT No. 1—The Quit and Ground Rent Tenure land (the cess has since been redeemed) with the messuages, situate at Pakmodia Street, admeasuring 140 square yards or thereabouts and registered by the Collector under New No. 9696, New Survey No. 4479 and Cadastral Survey No. 4286 of Bhuleshwar Division and by Municipality under 'C' Ward No. 6987 and Street Nos. 64-66.

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AROUND COURTS

Accused Found In Possession Of Brandy Acquitted

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The notification and the rules issued by the Bombay Government in regard to prohibition are "ultra vires" of the Abkari Act and that there is no valid law prohibiting the import and possession of foreign liquor.

These are the grounds on which Mr. M. A. F. Coelho, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Police Court, acquitted Narsinghrao Shivaya, who was arrested on being found in possession of a pint of brandy.

The accused admitted that he had purchased the brandy at a foreign liquor shop at Kalyan on the 18th February, but pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The Magistrate, in the course of his judgment, said that in view of the clear exception in favour of duty-paid foreign liquor in the proviso to Section 9 of the Abkari Act, dealing with import, export and possession, etc. of intoxicants, any notification issued by the Provincial Government prohibiting foreign liquor would be a contravention of the provision of Section 9, and therefore invalid in law.

Finally, dealing with Section 14(b) of the Abkari Act, the Magistrate observed: "The first part of the section lays down that none can possess any intoxicant above the limit of retail sale fixed by Government on retail. Then comes the proviso which lays down that there is no such limit in the case of foreign liquor possessed by a 'bona fide' possessor for his private consumption."

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Vithal Namia is alleged to have stabbed his wife last night following a domestic quarrel over his not going in search of a job.

The woman was detained in the K.E.M. Hospital.

The accused was ordered to be released on bail at the Dadar Court, today.

The story of how two persons posed as C.I.D. constables and relieved a hack-victoria driver of half the booty he acquired, was narrated in the Dadar Court today. It is alleged the driver decamped from the Bombay Central Station without unloading a trunk containing 1,800 tolas of silver ornaments valued at Rs. 1,000 on 29th January last. The victoria driver is now at large.

Ali Rahmat Haji Mohamed Eshaque aged 22 and Bhagawati Prasad Binda aged 30, who are alleged to have posed as C.I.D. constables were remanded into police custody pending further inquiries.

Mr. Oscar Brown, Presidency Magistrate Third Court granted today the application of the police for a proclamation for the arrest of Shrinivas R. Sharma.

The police alleged that Sharma who was a cashier of the Malva United Mills Ltd., absconded in Sesptember 1939 after misappropriating Rs. 8.700.

As the police could not trace him, they applied for a proclamation, which was granted.

Bhika Wasraj and Kassamali Mohomed were arrested by the B. B. and C. I. Railway Police last night at the Marine Lines Station on a charge of contravening the provisions of the Abkari Act.

It was stated that they were noticed getting into a local train in the morning at Charni Road Station with an empty petrol tin. As chance had it the same constables who examined the tin in the morning saw the accused in the night with the tin. On an examination, it was found that the can contained two gallons of country liquor for which the accused could produce no permit.

The accused were ordered to be released on bail at the Girgaum Court.

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High Court

SURETY'S RIGHTS

Pro-Note Amounts To Payment

(Before the Hon. the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Sen).

S. V. Patil ..... Appellant (Original Plaintiff).
v.
A. V. Kerur and Anr. ... Respondents (Original Defendants).

This was an appeal from the decision of Mr. M. R. Meher, District Judge of Bijapur in appeal from the Subordinate Judge of Bagalkot.

One Bapurao obtained a decree against both the present respondents from which they filed an appeal. The present appellant stood surety for the decretal amount as a condition of execution being stayed pending the appeal. This appeal was dismissed and the decree-holder proceeded to execute the decree against the appellant as surety as well as against the respondents as principal debtors.

In order to prevent his properties being attached, the appellant as surety paid Rs. 300 in cash to the decree-holder and for the balance of Rs. 700 he executed a promissory note in favour of Bapurao. In the trial court Bapurao gave evidence to support these facts. The appellant filed the present suit to recover this amount of Rs. 1,000 and interest, paid by him as surety, from the principal debtors (respondents).

The trial judge found as a fact that the pro-note had not been satisfied before the present suit was filed and that the Plaintiff was, therefore, not entitled to recover this amount which he had not actually paid. He, therefore, passed a decree for the sum of Rs. 300 only which had been paid in cash. This was confirmed by the District Judge in first appeal. Both the Courts relied upon a decision of the Madras High Court in Putti Ayyar vs. Pillai (26 Mad. 322).

The Government pleader for the respondents contended that the suit was framed as one under Sec. 145 of the Indian Contract Act which required actual payment by the surety in order to entitle him to an indemnity from the principal debtor.

JUDGMENT.

Their lordships held that both the lower courts were wrong in holding that, as between the surety and the debtor, a pro-note cannot be treated as payment within Section 145 of the Indian Contract Act. It has been well-established in England—following Ascherson's case ((1909) 2 ch. 401) that a surety was in such cases entitled in Equity to recover the amount from the debtor. To hold otherwise would be very hard on the surety who might be pressed for payment and even taken to insolvency before he could recover the amount from the debtor. This doctrine which seems to have been overlooked by the lower courts has been applied by Mr. Justice Mirza in Sripatrao v Shankarrao (32 Bom. Z. R. 207). The surety was however not entitled to a higher rate of interest than 4 per cent. being the rate the principle debtor was originally liable to pay.

Their lordships therefore, allowed the appeal and decreed the full amount of Rs. 1,000 with costs and interest as aforesaid.

Mr. B. Morupant appeared for the appellant.

The Government Pleader, Mr. R. A. Jaghirdar, appeared for the respondents.

TRUSTEES GET 1 DAY'S JAIL

Hafiz Mohammed Rafique and Samir Mahomedalli, Managing Trustee and Trustee respectively of the estate of Rajaballi Karim Bux of Dharavi were sentenced by Mr. K. C. Thakore, Presidency Magistrate, Dadar to one day's S. I. and a fine of Rs. 150 in default to 3 months R. I. each under Section 161 I.P.C. for trying to bribe a public servant.

The complaint in the case is Dr. Jamshed H. Doctor, Acting Municipal Analyst.

It was alleged that the two accused interviewed the Complainant on 5th July 1939 where he was acting as Asst. Health Officer, F. and G. Wards, and insisted that he should do something to waive some notices served on them in respect of removal of animals from stables where they were kept without a license.

The accused pleaded not guilty to the charge. On the strength of the evidence the Magistrate sentenced the accused as stated above.

HYDERABAD (Deccan). A case which had been instituted eight years ago was decided by Mr. Ghaziuddin, Second City Magistrate, when a heirless property worth Rs. 36,356/4/3 was ordered to be taken into possession of the Government.

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On The Air

THURSDAY, Feb. 29.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (885 kc/s)

6 p.m. Delhi Radio Orchestra. 5-5 Nasir Khan. 5-25 Faiyaz Mohammad. 5-40 The London Philharmonic Orchestra. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Special announcements. 6-15 Mohammad Shafi. 6-30 Dilli Ke Diwankhane. 5. 6-45 A sitar recital. 7 For villagers only. 8 Side lights on the war. 8-5 Azim Prem Ragi. 8-15 Men behind the machines. 5. 8-30 Anwarbai. 8-50 Afzal Husain. 10 Ghazalen 10-35 Persian music.

Delhi II—Programme

50.48 metres (4,960 kc/s)

6 to 7 p.m As in Delhi 1. 7 Bazm-i-Sarod. 8 to 10-30 As in Delhi 1.

Lahore Programme

276 metres (1,086 kc/s)

6-10 p.m. For the countryside. 7 Ali Bakhsh. 7-15 Children's programme, 8 Umra Zia Begam. 8-15 Men behind the machines. 8-30 Mubarak Ali Fateh Ali Qawwal and party. 8-50 Umra Zia Begam. 9-50 Ao Sab Gaen.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. Keep fit! 8-10 Prabhat Sandesh. 8-15 News in Marathi. 8-20 News in Gujarati. 8-25 K. H. Wakanker. 8-40 News in Hindustani. 8-50 News in English. 9 A topical talk. 9-15 Saraswati Stuti. 9-25 A sarangi recital. 9-35 K. H. Wakanker. 9-45 H. Khan Mastana. 12-30 p.m. Marathi pad. 12-45 Gujarati geets. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Highbrow hits. 1-10 Mutual understanding. 1-25 What shall I cook? 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch hour music. 2-30 Musical prelude. 2-35 Gujarati literature. 2-50 Gujarati Bhavgeets. 3 Spare time hobbies. 2. 5 You asked for it. 5-15 Selected by B. T. Harismgani. 5-25 News in Marathi. 5-30 News in Gujarati. 5-35 Selected by Sekker Bhimji. 5-53 Selected by B. G. Rele. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 K. H. Wakanker. 6-30 Hirabai Barodekar. 7 The north sea of Gujarat. 7-15 Listener's Letters. 7-30 K. R. Patwardhan. 7-45 The Bombay Radio Orchestra. 7-55 News in Marathi. 8-10 News in Gujarati. 8-25 Tomorrow. 8-30 Why I believe. 5. 8-45 Sitar and Sarod. 8-55 Talk of the town. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 Sebastian Vaz and his orchestra. 10 Hilde Feldberg. 10-10 Sebastian Vaz and his orchestra. 10-20 Leo D'Souza. 10-30 News in English.

Bombay II—Programme

31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

8 to 8-15 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-15 String music. 8-25 to 8-40 As in Bombay 1. 8-40 Krishnabai Hukkeri. 9 to 10 As in Bombay 1. 10 Close down.

31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

12-30 to 12-57 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 12-57 Taj Orchestra. 1 to 1-30 As in Bombay 1. 1-30 Musical interlude. 1-35 to 3-15 As in Bombay 1. 3-15 Close down.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

5 to 5-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 5-25 Marathi melodies. 5-35 to 6 As in Bombay 1. 6 K. R. Patwardhan. 6-10, H. Khan Mastana. 6-30 to 7-30 As in Bombay 1. 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 to 7-55 As in Bombay 1. 7-55 Khayal Kalagi. 8-5 Krishnabai Hukkeri. 8-25 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 H. Khan Mastana. 9-15 Brindaban and Akbar. 9-45 Hirabai Barodekar. 10-30 News in English.

Dacca—Programme

257.1 metres (1,167 kc/s)

8 p.m. An instrumental duet. 8-10 Gaur Das. 8-25 Lakshmibala. 8-35 Nitya Burman. 8-45 News in Bengali. 8-50 Sefalika Das. 9 News in English. 9-5 Gramer Pathe. 7 Brojo Gopal Das. 7-15 Readings. 7-30 Nitya Burman. 7-45 Things that did not happen. 8 A musical interlude. 8-5 Sachindev Burman. 8-30 Sur Tribeni. 9-5 Pranesh Das. 9-12 Gour Das. 9-45 For you, for me, for everybody.

Calcutta I—Programme

370.4 metres (810 kc/s)

(Add 24 minutes for Calcutta time)

5 p.m. For the countryside. 5-50 For the countryside. 6-10 Mashraf Hussain Khan. 6-30 Radharani. 6-50 Jiten Das Gupta. 7 Jnanendra Prasad Goswami. 7-45 Things that did not happen. 8 Just a surprise. 8-15 Sukhomoy Mazumder. 8-30 Background to the news. 9 Liesl Story. 9-45 Nazir Hussain and party. 10-5 Just a diversion.

Calcutta—Programme

61.98 metres (4,840 kc/s)

5 to 9-30 p.m. As in Calcutta 1. 9-30 Harry Tate and Company. 9-45 In commemoration of Rossini. 10-15 Rumanian and Hungarian Gipsy music.

FULLY-FURNISHED "VILLAGE INDUSTRY HOME"

Will Be Exhibited At Ramgarh

Officer-in-Charge of publicity Khadi and Village Industries Exhibition, Ramgarh, writes:—

Arrangement has been made to show a "Village Industry Home" at the Exhibition. This has been arranged in a single hut with different apartments:—

Sitting Room which can be called in modern times as the Drawing Room. It has been carpetted. The windows have been given curtains to match the colour of the carpet. The room, moreover, contains a charkha a rattan stool, a cushion, low table with curios and a oil-wick lamp of brass in the centre of the room.

Office contains all the materials required for the office and has been beautifully arranged. It contains a gadi and takia, writing desk, calendar on hand-made paper, etc., etc.

Dining room is equipped with tea set biscuits and sweets made out of Gud and honey, wooden planks for seats, etc.

Kitchen is filled with a double oven built on the floor and all other things that go to make up a complete kitchen.

Store:—In this curry material is labelled and is kept in its proper place. It contains paddy-husking chakki and flour chakki, etc.

Bathroom contains big metal pot for water and dipper and vessels for soaking clothes and washing. A shelf for soap, tooth-powder, mirror, brushes, a stand for bath-towel, fair towel and clothes, etc.

Ladies Room has been decorated with all the daintiness and fastidiousness of the ladies. It contains a chest of drawers with mirror, needle-work box, powder box, nail scissors, kumkum box, flower vase, medicine chest, musical instruments, etc., etc.

Children's Room contains bed with the accessories, a clothes stand, a small book-shelf, writing desk, pencils, paint-box, takli, toys of various kinds, pictures on the wall, etc.

Men's room contains bed, lantern which burns vegetable oil, travelling requisition, staying requirements and mirror, etc., etc.

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Considerable March Liquidation In N. Y. Cotton Market

ACTIVE BOMBAY AND FOREIGN BUYING

Only One Tender Of 100 Bales Against March

Bombay, Feb 27

A private cable received here states:—"Next season chances favour subsidy."

If this move is adopted it will have adverse effect on foreign cotton prices. This season a subsidy on all exports of 1.50 cent was given by the American Government which resulted in large exports of American cotton Europe and other countries. It is believed that total exports would be above six million bales and to this extent it will displace other cotton. Recently the sum allotted for payments of export subsidy was exhausted and the Washington administration was obliged to withdraw but if the same measure is again adapted, it will depress prices in the local market.

New York cotton prices sagged on Tuesday after the tapering off of foreign demand and considerable March liquidation despite the issuance of only one notice.

NEW YORK MARKET

The market opened steady. Active Bombay and foreign buying and trade covering in nears encountered the resumption of scaleup Spot house selling of March; hedging and New Orleans selling. Prices sagged on Southern and local selling which met less persistent trade support. The market closed steady.

At the opening March was quoted one point up at 11.17 and improved to 11.18 which was the highest level. Later on there was increased selling and March declined to 11.10 which was the lowest level. The market ruled quiet and finally closed at a net decline of 2 to 8 points. Spot cotton prices closed 7 points lower at 11.26c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was quietly steady and with a restricted turnover closed unchanged to one point up. Spot cotton prices closed unchanged at 10.87c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

The Liverpool cotton futures market opened at a decline of one point with March 7.91. Hedging met trade calling and later there was tired outside liquidation in the absence of bullish incentive and there was local selling. Trade calling and short covering absorbed hedging. The market closed at a decline of 3 points to unchanged. Middling American Spot cotton prices closed 3 points down at 8.06d. per lb.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Egyptian cotton market was quiet. Uppers futures declined 7 to 8 points and Giza futures closed 10 to 12 points down.

The Alexandria cotton market was quiet with liquidation. Sakels futures lost 20 points and Ashmouni contracts closed 12 to 13 points down.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York March highest (10 a.m.) ..... 11.18+02

New York March lowest (10-52 a.m.) ..... 11.10—06

Liverpool March highest 7.92

Liverpool March lowest ..... 7.87—05

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

Liverpool: Persistent liquidation March May. Ample supplies American cotton in Liverpool. Trade quiet for present. Slightly bearish short view, bullish long view.

NEW YORK COTTON

(New Contracts)

New York, Feb 27

March	11.33—03
May	11.02—03
July	10.67—01
October	9.81—08
December	9.71—07

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, Feb. 27.

March	11.13—03
May	10.89—02
July	10.53—02
October	9.81—08
Middling Spot	11.26—07

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New York, Feb. 27.

March	11.28+01
May	11.02+01
July	10.63—
Middling Spot	10.87

11 a.m. RATES.

March	11.12
May	10.87
July	10.80

NOON CALL.

March	11.09
Mar	10.85
July	10.48

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS.

New York, Feb. 27.

Days receipts at all U.S. ports	26,000
Days exports to Great Britain	2,000
Days exports to the Continent	41,000
Days exports to China and Japan	8,000

LIVERPOOL COTTON.

Liverpool, Feb. 27.

February	7.87—03
March	7.89 03
April	7.92—02
May	7.94—02
June	7.96— 01
July	7.98—01
August	7.94—01
September	7.87—
October	7.80—
November	7.76+01
December	7.73+01
January	7.70+01
February	7.66+01
March	7.62+01
May	7.55+01
Middling Spot	8.06—03

10-45 a.m. Quotations.

March	7.92
May	7.97

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, Feb 28

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 3.95 3/8 at New York. London Paris Exchange rate was 3.95 3/8. London silver prices for Spot improved 3/16d. at 20 3/8d. and forward quotation was raised 1/8d. at 20 3/8d. There was little bear covering and offerings were small. New York Spot silver was unchanged at 43 3/4 cents per ounce and Shanghai T T on London was quoted 4d. London Bombay Spot and forward parity was Rs. 54-9-9 and Sovereigns were quoted at Rs. 27-9-3. The local market now believes that there will be no increase in import duty and with moderate buying silver prices hardened.

Quotations were as under:—

GOLD

Ready	Rs.	42	8 6
Fagan		42	10 0
Chaitra		42	11 0

SILVER

Ready		58	4 0
Fagan		57	8 0
Chaitra		57	12 0

LONDON RUBBER

London, Feb 27

Smoked sheets standard ribbed per lb sellers 12 15/16

Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan Report 1938-39

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The Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan conducts its work through the various Department.

The Department of Sanskrit and comparative Philosophy conducted a post-graduate class in Rig Veda Mandala during the year under review. Good work has been done by the Department of Prakritic languages and Hindi Gujarati, Bhagavata Dharma, Jaina studies and Indian history during the year.

Many extension lectures were conducted under the auspices of the Bhawan. The Bhavan undertook publication of certain books and journals.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE

G. I. P. Railway

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Calcutta Mail (Chheoki)	9-40	20-10
Madras Mail	6-00	22-10
Peshawar-Lucknow (Express)	6-15	22-30
Calcutta Mail (Express)	9-10	17-40
Madras Express	10-15	14-25
Poona Mail	10-30	17-30
Punjab Mail	12-35	17-20
Nagpur Express	15-00	20-55
Poona Fast Passenger	16-50	11-50
Poona Express	19-32	8-05
Allahabad Express	21-00	6-15

B. B. and C. I. Railway.

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Ahmedabad Passenger	5-35	13-50
Delhi Express	6-00	22-15
Kathiawar Mail	6-45	21-30
Gujarat Mail	7-25	22-00
Frontier Mail	8-15 (Mon)	21-15 (Sat)
*The Flying Ranee Surat	9-48	15-10
The Flying Ranee Surat	10-58	18-05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14-15	22-30
Kathiawar Express	18-45	8-45
Baroda Passenger	20-37	9-25

*If Monday is a Bank Holiday this train will run on Tuesday.

Arrivals at Ballard Pier

Frontier Mail (on Saturday only) for London 8-40

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Feb 28

Following a decline of 3 points in New York futures, the local market was expected to open at Rs. 275/8 for Broach A/M delivery but the market opened at Rs. 274/8 and declined to Rs. 273 on scattered liquidation Later on there was active general buying including option dealers and share bazar operators and prices rose to Rs. 277/8. There was scarcity of sellers. The tone of the market was firm.

Liverpool market opened at a rise of one point and in the local market Broach advanced to Rs. 279. Later on Liverpool was one point down and prices in the local market declined to Rs. 277/8. Liverpool was again one point up that there being selling in the local market Broach declined to Rs. 276/12. Liverpool was 6 points up but there being realising the local market closed at 5 p.m. as under:—

F G M G Broach:—

April/May	Rs.	276	12 0
July/August		284	12 0

Fine M G Oomra:—

March		243	0 0
May		247	8 0

F G M G Bengal:—

March		204	8 0
May		207	8 0

NIGHT TRADING IN COTTON

From Thursday the 29th inst. night trading hours in the local cotton market will be from 8-30 p.m. to 9-30 p.m.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Liverpool, Feb 27

UPPERS—	
Spot	10.15—7
March	9.97—8
May	10.10—7
July	10.20—7
October	10.20—8
December	10.17—7
January	10.16—7
GIZA 2—	
Spot	10.48—8
March	10.20—12
May	10.40—11
July	10.52—10
October	10.53—12
November	10.53—12
January	10.54—12

INDIAN STERLING LOANS.

London, Feb 27

3 per cent	80 1/2
3 1/2 per cent	93 1/4
3 1/2 per cent 1954/59	102 1/2
4 per cent 1948/63	107 1/4
4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	111 1/2
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68	112 1/2
5 per cent 1942/47	107
3 per cent 1949/52	97 1/2
2 1/2 per cent British Consols	74 3/8
3 1/2 per cent War loan	99 1/4
4 per cent Funding loan 1960/90	112 3/8
Indian Iron and Steel New Ordinary	56/3

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

Alexandria, Feb 27

SAKELS—	
March	19.41—20
May	19.74—20
ASHMOUNI—	
April	17.84—13
June	18.04—12
GIZA—	
March	18.05—34
May	18.70—20

COTTON PARITY

Difference Broach A/M below Liverpool May 162 penny points

Difference Broach J/A below Liverpool July 147 penny points

Difference Broach A/M below New York May 27 cent points

Difference Broach J/A above New York July 41 cent points

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, Feb. 28.

2 3/4 per cent 1948/52	96/0
3 per cent 1941 Bonds	101/12
3 per cent 1951/54 Bonds	97/4
3 1/2 per cent G. P. Note	93/0
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan	102/12
5 per cent 1960/70 Loan	106/14
4 per cent 1948 Bonds	105/12
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan	112/8
5 per cent 1940/43 Bond	101/11
3 per cent 1963/65 Loan	90/14

TAX-FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan	112/4
4 per cent 1953/65 Mysore	110/0
5 per cent 1955 Mysore	120/4

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B. P. T. 1974	104/12
4 per cent M. Deb. 1947	104/0
5 per cent M. Deb. 1959	115/0
6 per cent M. Deb. 1954	121/0
6 per cent K. P. T. 1956	120/12

Tone—Very steady.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, Feb 28

B. C. RATES:—

T T D D 1/5 15/16 to 28th August

LONDON:—

Bank's selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 to 28th August

Bank's buying T T 1/6 1/32 to 28th Aug.

Bank's buying D D 1/6 3/32 one month

Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 7/32 One month.

Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 1/4 Two months.

NEW YORK:—

Bank's selling T T 334

Bank's buying T T 330

Bank's buying D D 328 1/2

PARIS:—

Bank's selling T T 1300

Bank's buying T T 1340

JAPAN:—

Bank's selling T T 80 1/8

Bank's buying T T 79 1/8

Bank's buying 60 days 78 1/8

AMSTERDAM:—

Bank's selling D D 55 1/8

JAVA:—

Bank's selling D D 54 5/8

HONGKONG:—

Bank's selling D D 83 7/8

SHANGHAI:—

Bank's selling D D 25 1/2

SINGAPORE:—

Bank's selling D D 157 3/4

CROSS RATE:—

Hongkong London 1/2 31/32 28th inst.

Shanghai London 0/4 3/8 28th inst.

Java London 7.46/54 28th inst.

New York London 3.95 3/8 27th inst.

London New York 4.02 1/2—3 1/2 27th inst

London Paris 176 1/2—3/4 27th inst.

London Italy 77.75 27th inst.

London Belgium 23.70/85 27th inst.

London Switzerland 17.85/95 27th inst.

London Stockholm 16.85/95 27th inst.

London Amsterdam 7.52/57 27th inst.

London Japan 1/2 11/32 27th inst.

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Dull.

Gold £8-8-0 26th inst.

Gold £8-8-0 27th inst.

Silver London Ready 20 3/16 26th inst.

Silver London Ready 20 3/8 27th inst.

Silver London Forward 20 1/4 26th inst.

Silver London Forward 20 3/8 27th inst.

Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 26th inst.

Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 27th inst.

London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent 27th inst.

London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent 26th inst.

London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 27th inst.

London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 26th inst

Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.

Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.

Money:—Call 1 per cent.

3 months 1 3/4 per cent.

6 months 1 3/4 per cent.

Tone:—Easy.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

Bombay, Feb 28

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

3 1/2 per cent Paper 93/4; 4 per cent 1960/70 106/12; 5 per cent 1945/55 112/8

BANKS

Bank of Baroda 102; Bank of Hindusthan 20; Bank of India 138/12; Central Bank 35/8; Imperial Bank F P 1505; Imperial Bank P P 362/8; Indian Overseas Bank 46/8; Reserve Bank 108/8; Union Bank 5/11/5

TEXTILES

Ahmd New Textiles 450; Ambica 370; Arun 217/8; Arvind 1325; Asok 217/8; Bharatkhand Textiles 3200; Bombay Dyeing 950; Buckingham and Carnatics 211; Calico 730; Central India 298/2; Century 306/4; Colaba 157/8 Elgin 155/10; Gokak 191/4; Hukumchand 165/10; Indore Malwa 38/12; Jubilee 262/8; Khatau Makanji 115/10; Kohinoor 368/2; Laxmi Cotton 502/8; Madhusudan 200; Marsden 105; Morarji 185; Mysore 105; Nandlal Bhandari 77/4; New Great 362/8; Raipur 690; Rajnagar 145; Sajjan 97/8; Sassoon and Alliance 88/4; Sholapur 4375; Simplex 110; Swadeshi 265; Vishnu 1395

HYDRO ELECTRICS

Andhra Valley Ord 1525; Tata Hydro Ord 159/6; Tata Power Ord 1362/8

ELECTRICS

Ahmedabad Electrics 146/4; Ajmer Electrics 10/4; Amalgamated 10/8; Bombay Suburban 162/8; Bombay Tram 128/2; Lahore Electrics 225; Surat Electrics 155

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock Ashdown 465; Associated Cements 118; Belapur 214/6; Bombay Burma New 195; Bombay Burma Old 612/8; Bombay Steam 290; Bombay Telephone 89/8; Br. B. Petrol 4/14; Burma Corporation 6/13; Dalmia Cement 9/12; Indian Bleaching 109/6; Industrial Investment Tr 47; Indian Radio Ord 470; Indian Radio Defd 447/8; Indian Copper 2/6; Indian Iron 36/14; Mysore sugar 42/8; Port Canning 72/8; Premier Construction 83/8; Rohtas Industries 27; Scindia Steam 18/8; Shivrajpur 45/8; Steel Corp of Bengal 20/2; Tata Oil 50/8; Tata Steel Ordy 377/8; Tata Steel Defd 2015.

Birla Jute 22; Howrah 55/8; Hukumchand 7/12; Kamarhatty 502; Kanknarrah 408/8; Lawrence 420; Reliance 60/8

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay, Feb 28

Fine White Java sugar per cwt:—

Ready (small grain) Rs. 18-2-6

Ready (large grain) Rs. 18-4-6

Shipment January Rs. 8-6-0 F B H

Shipment February Rs. 8-6-0 F B H

Shipment March Rs. 8-7-0 F B H

Shipment September Rs. 8-10-0 F B H

Indian sugars ready:—

Ready (ordinary) Rs. 17-12-0 to 17-15-0

Ready (large grain) Rs. 17-15-0 to 18-6-0

Tone:—Steady.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, Feb 27

Broach A/M highest 272 1/4 lowest 269 closing 271 1/4

Broach J/A highest 280 1/2 lowest 277 3/4 closing 279 1/2

Oomra March highest 240 1/4 lowest 237 closing 239 3/4

Oomra May highest 244 1/2 lowest 241 closing 244

Bengal March highest 202 1/2 lowest 199 1/4 closing 201 3/4

Bengal May highest 205 1/2 lowest 202 1/4 closing 204 3/4

Night session: Broach A/M opening Rs. 271 1/2, highest Rs. 276, lowest Rs. 271 1/2, closing Rs. 275 1/2. Broach J/A closing Rs. 283 3/4.

LONDON GOLD

London, Feb 27

Gold Bars Fine per oz £8-8-0

Active Buying On Stock Exchange

STEEL AND TEXTILE SHARES LOOK UP.

Professionals And Calcutta Bid Up Prices

Bombay, Feb 28

On the eve of the Central Budget, the local share bazar share was quietly steady with a moderate turnover during the early part of the session but towards the close there was active buying by local professional buying and there was some support from Calcutta operators and prices registered a sharp rise.

The market believes that there will be additional tax and the tone of the market was firm with active covering. The Budget will be released to-morrow at 5 p.m. and the market is awaiting proposals. The recent improvement in share prices is mainly based on hopes no additional taxation and the market being oversold quickly improved. There continues scarcity of sellers but the turnover remains moderate.

The Wall Street market was dull with traders in no hurry to raise bids. At the same time scattered signs of business improvement were offset by a trickle of foreign liquidation, together with political uncertainties including Mr. Sumner Welles' European talks. However the majority of issues were fractionally higher and the market closed irregular. U. S. Steel activity was 65.9 per cent against 67.2 per cent in the previous week. U. S. Steel shares improved 1/4 at 57 1/4 Anaconda Coppers declined 1/8 at 29 1/4. General Motors closed 1/8 down at 52 7/8 dollars.

The sentiment in the local market was influenced by firmness of cotton prices and there was more inclination to buy than sell.

Private indications point out that the Excess Profits Tax will meet Army expenditure and the Finance Member may keep Emergency taxation for later periods. Under this state any deficit will be met by borrowing programme. There are all guesses of the Budget prospects and it will be a wise policy to await Budget proposals.

There was general buying in all sections today and Calcutta operators were anxious buyers. Cotton Mill shares also received increased attention Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 925 and improved to Rs. 947/8. Century shares improved to Rs. 306 and Central India shares closed at Rs. 302. Kohinoors gained Rs. 13 at Rs. 368 and New Greats closed 362.

Associated Cement shares improved Rs. 2 at Rs. 118. Tata Steel Defds. opened at Rs. 1970 and after declining to Rs 1945 advanced to Rs. 2015 and closed at Rs. 2012/8. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 372 and after declining to Rs. 368 advanced to Rs. 378. Bombay Burmas opened at Rs. 600 and improved to Rs. 612/8. Belapur shares rose to Rs. 214/8 and there being more short sales budlee difference was only annas six.

TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, Feb. 28.

103	Ahmedabad Advance	310	0
250	BOMBAY DYEING	947	8
100	CENTURY	306	0
100	CENTRAL INDIA	298	0
100	COLABA	157	0
100	Coorla	120	0
250	David	40	0
250	Dawn	390	0
1	E. D. Sassoon Def.	0-7-0	
100	FINLAY	152	0
100	GOKAK	191	0
1000	Hindustan	1830	0
100	Indore	39	0
100	Khatau	115	10
100	KOHINOOR	368	0
250	Laxmi	505	0
250	Madras United	25	0
100	MORARJI	185	0
250	Model	70	8
60	MYSORE	104	0
200	NEW GREAT	362	0
100	Osmanshahi	55	0
100	Phoenix	270	0
25	SASSOON SILK	78	0
1000	Sholapur	3700	0
50	SIMPLEX	110	0
100	SWADESHI	265	0
100	SWAN	146	0
500	Vishnu	1300	0
1000	Western	900	0

BANKS

50-100	Baroda	102	0
250	Central	35	12
500	Imperial	1505	0
125-500	Imp. Conty.	362	8
50-100	India X.D.	138	12
100	Reserve Bank	108	8
5	Union	5 11	6

CEMENTS

100	ASSOCIATED	118	0

INSURANCE

100	Empire	630	0
15-100	Jupiter	9	8
20	Mercantile	49	0
15-75	New India	38	8
200	Oriental	4300	0
10-50	Vulcan	7	2

ELECTRIC

100	Ahmed. Old	145	10
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY	1525	0
10	Ajmer	10	9
50	BOMBAY TRAM	128	4
100	Bombay Suburban	162	8
10	Broach	11	8
100	Karachi	190	0
100	Poona	185	0
100	Surat	155	0
100	TATA HYDRO	159	8
100	Tata Power	1352	8

RAILWAYS

500	Ahmedabad Prantij	945	0
100	C. Province	96	0
100	Oh Baramati	95	8
100	Gujarat	94	5
100	Mandra Bhon	91	5
100	Pachora Jamner	72	0
100	Sara Serajganj	97	0
500	Tasti Valley	753	12

MININGS

9	Burma Corpn.	6	13
8sh.	Indian Copper	2-6	
10	Indian Iron and Steel	37	0
15	SHIVRAJPUR	45	8
30	TATA STEEL DEF.	20/2	8
75	TATA STEEL ORD.	378	0

MISCELLANEOUS

100	ALCOCK	465	0
10	Air Services	5	0
50	MELAPUR SUGAR	214	8
200	Bombay Safe Dep.	606	4
250	BOMBAY STEAM	290	0
125	B. BURMA	612	8
50	B. BURMA CONT.	194	6
8sh.	Br. B. Petrol	4-13-9	
50	BOMBAY TELEPHONE	87	0
100	IND. BLEACHING	109	0
50	Ind. Invest. Trust	45	0
100	Ind. Radio Def.	457	8
100	Indian Radio Ord.	470	0
100	Port Canning	72	12
30	PREMIER CON.	83	8
15	Scindia	18	0
25	Tata Oil Mill	50	8
100	Western I. Match	137	8

PREFERENCE

7	p.c. Andhra Valley	1405	0
6	p.c. Bombay Steam	281	8
7	p.c. Bombay Tram (T.F.) X.D	73	4
6	1/4 p.c Prem Const 1st	108	0
6	1/4 p.c. Prem. Const. 2nd	101	0
6	p.c. Tata Hydro	142	8
7	1/2 p.c. Tata Power	1495	0
6	p.c. Tata Steel 1st Pref.	192	8
7	1/2 p.c. Tata Steel 2nd	140	0
7	p.c. Vishnu	680	0

DEBENTURES

5	3/4 p.c. Andhra Valley	100	0
6	p.c. Andhra Valley	103	8
4	p.c. Bombay Telephone	49	8
7	p.c. Sholapur	74	12
6	p.c. Tata Hydro	103	0

(Capital letters indicate shares on Forward list.)

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE.

Bombay, Feb 28

Bombay Dyeing (922/8) 925 920 930 925 940 947

Century (289) 290 291 295 293 303 304 306

Central India (281) 285 281 285 284 290 298

Kohinoor (355) 360 354 358 366 368

New Great (342) 347 348 355 357 362

Simplex (105/8) 106 108 110

Swadeshi (254) 256 255 261 265

Associated Cement (116) 116 116/8 117/8

Andhra (1512/8) 1525

Tram Ord (128/8) 128/4

Tata Hydro (159) 159/8

Tata Power (1345) 1342 1345 1352

T Steel Defd (1947) 1965 1947 1970 1972 1952 2000 2012

T Steel Ord (368/8) 370 368 372 371 377 375 378

Tata Steel 2nd Pref (140) 140/8 140

Bellapur (200) 207 212 210 215 214/8

B Steam (290) 290

B Burma (595) 598 595 602 600 612

QUOTATIONS OF LOCAL MILLS CLOTH

The Hindustani Native Merchan's Association

The following quotations of local mills cloth have been issued by the Hindustani Native Merchants' Association:—

Bombay, Feb 28

HEAVY SHEETING

	Per lb. Rs.as.ps.
Textile	0 8 6
Bradbury	0 7 6
E. D. S. Group	0 7 6
Sassoon	0 7 6
Century	0 7 6
Toyo Podar	0 8 0
Simplex	0 8 0
Madhusudan	0 8 0

LONG CLOTH (full weight In. 36-38) 92½—93½

	Per lb.
Mahal Brand	0 11 3
Madari Brand	0 10 9
Daud Saheb	0 11 0

LONG CLOTH X QUALITY

	Per lb.
Apollo	0 11 3
Edsu	0 11 0
Century	0 11 0
Jam	0 11 3
Textile	0 11 3
Spring	0 11 1½
Madhusudan	0 11 0
Victoria	0 0 0

LONG CLOTH SATIN

Latest Commercial News

NEW YORK COTTON THREE POINTS DOWN

Liquidation In Broach During Late Trading

STOCK EXCHANGE QUIET BUT STEADY

BOMBAY: Feb. 28.

THERE WAS MODERATE ACTIVITY IN NEW YORK COTTON DUE TO THE STEADINESS OF OVERSEAS CABLES. LATER THE INCREASED LIQUIDATION WIPED OFF THE EARLY GAINS. THE SUBSEQUENT TRADING WAS QUIET.

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

MAY 1940

New York: Feb. 28.

Previous closing	10.29
To-day's opening	10.91
Difference	+2
To-day's closing	10.86
Difference	—.03

BROACH EXPECTATION

Broach April/May	Rs.	274	4 0
Broach July/August	Rs.	282	4 0

LIVERPOOL COTTON

MAY 1940

Liverpool: Feb. 28.

Previous closing	7.94
To-day's opening	7.95
Difference	+1
To-day's closing	7.97
Difference	+3

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

New York: Feb. 28.

The trading in May began at 10.91, i.e. 2 points higher than the last closing. Prices advanced on higher Liverpool cables and trade and local support, but then the demand soon subsided with May easing to 10.88

BOMBAY COTTON

Night Session.

Bombay: Feb. 28.

In the local market Broach April/May opened at Rs. 277/4 and steadily gave way to Rs. 274/12 towards the close. July/August was Rs. 282/12.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: Feb. 28.

Following were the opening ranges on New York Cotton Exchange:—

March (11.18/17) 11.14/14
May (10.96/94) 10.91/91
July (10.58/57) 10.56/56

Liverpool Cotton

Liverpool: Feb. 28.

American March (7.88) 7.94
American May (7.93) 8.00
Giza March (10.23) 10.19
Giza May (10.43) 10.40

LONDON COMMODITIES

London: Feb. 28.

SEEDS

Castorseeds March/April (£20 3/8 quoted) £2/ 5/8 quoted
Linseed Bombay/Calcutta March/April (£17 3/4 quoted) £18 1/4 quoted
Linseed La Plata March/April (£15 1/8 quoted) £15 3/8 quoted
Groundnuts Coromandal March/April (£15 quoted) £15 quoted

JUTES.

Dundee February (£56) £56
Lightning February (£52) £52

RUBBER

Spot (12 15/16d paid and value) 12 3/4d paid and value
Forward May (11 15/16d paid and value) 11 15/16d paid and sellers

METALS

Tin (£254 1/2 buyers; £254 3/4 sellers. Strong) £252 buyers; £252 1/4 sellers. Easier
Electrolytic Copper (£62) £62.
Lead Foreign Cash (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No 3 (111 sh.) 111 sh.

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York: Feb. 28.

Previous closing	3.95 3/8
To-day's opening	3.95 3/8

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London: Feb. 28.

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day' closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

T. T. LONDON ON PARIS

London: Feb. 28.

Previous closing	176 1/2 to 176 3/4
To-day's opening	176 1/2 to 176 3/4
To-day's closing	176 1/2 to 176 3/4

LONDON SILVER CABLE

London: Feb. 28.

The following cable regarding London Silver Market was received here to-day:—

Little general buying. Offerings few. Market steady.

LONDON SILVER

London: Feb. 28.

Spot (20 3/8d) 20 7/16d +1/16
Forward (20 3/8d) 20 7/16d +1/16

LONDON GOLD

London: Feb. 28.

Gold Bars Fine per ounce (£8/8/0) £8/9/0

LONDON EXCHANGES

London: Feb. 28.

London Exchange opened with the sterling dollar at 4.02.50 to 4.03.50 which is officially fixed rate

Franc was officially fixed at 175.50 to 176.75

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1 6/ 1 6
Paris on Bombay (13.24 5/8) 13.24 5/8
New York on Bombay (30.23) 30.22
London on Milan (77.75) 77.75
London on Shanghai (0-4 to 0-4 3/8) 0-4 to 0-4 3/8
London on Kobe (1-2 1/4 to 1-2 11/32) 1-2 1/4 to 1-2 11/32

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 11/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent
4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent
6 months (1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent

WHEAT AND SEEDS

Latest Night Quotations

Bombay: Feb. 28.

Wheat May	4	5	9
Wheat September	4	7	9
Linseed May	7	3	3
Linseed September	7	9	6
Groundnuts May	40	5	6
Castorseeds May	52	14	0
Cottonseeds May	20	9	6

BOMBAY BULLION

Latest Night Quotations.

Bombay: Feb. 28.

Silver Ready	58	4	0
Silver Maha	57	8	0
Silver Fagan	57	15	0
Gold Ready	42	8	6
Gold Maha	42	9	6
Gold Fagan	42	10	6
Sovereigns	27	9	0

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York: Feb. 28.

The following are the opening quotations:—

General Motors (dol 53 1/4) dol 53 1/4
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 29 3/8) dol 29 5/8
U S Steel Common (dol 57 1/2) dol 57 3/4
U S Steel Pref (dol 116 1/2) unquoted

3½ P. C. STERLING LOAN

London: Feb. 28.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £93 1/4

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

INDIAN LOANS

London: Feb. 28.

3 per cent Indian Stock (£97 1/2) £97 1/2
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£93 1/4) £93 1/4
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1950/55 (£111 1/2) £111 1/2
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68 (£112 1/2) £112 1/2
4 per cent Indian Stock 1948/53 (£107 1/4) £107 1/2
5 per cent Indian Stock 1942/47 (£107) £107
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1954/58 (£102 1/2) £102 1/2

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 (£107) £107

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£74 3/8) £74 3/8
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£99) £98 7/8
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£101 5/8) £101 5/8
4 per cent Funding Loan (£112 3/8) £112 1/2
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£99 1/4) £99 1/4
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds (£111) £110

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (12-1 1/2) 11-6
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (54-4 1/2) 54-4 1/2
Hydro Electric (dol 3) dol 3-0
Electric Music Industry (8-9) 8-9
Princhin Johnson (22-6) 22-6
Imperial Chemicals (33-0) 33-4 1/2
Woolsworth New Ordinary (65-6) 65-6
San Panto 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1937 (£38 1/2) £38 1/2
Dunlop Rubber (34-3) 34-3
Unilever Ordinary (33-0) 33-0
Ford Motors (16-7 1/2) 16-7 1/2
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£64 1/2) £64
British American Tobacco Ordinary (102-6) 103-9
Carreas 'A' (£6 1/8) £6 1/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (123-9) 126-3
P and O Def (23-6) 23-6
Distillers (69-6) 70-1 1/2
Bredfords Dye (6-10 1/2) 6-10 1/2
British Celanese (8-0) 8-9
J and P Coates Ordinary (37-7 1/2) 38-7 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary (37-9) 38-1 1/2
Fine Cotton Spinners (6-3) 6-3
Vickers Limited Ordinary (21-6) 21-6
Inter Nickel (dol 47 1/4) dol 47 1/4
Indian Iron (56-3) 56-10 1/2

TEA SHARES

Assam (18-9) 18-9
Donaro Toa (31-3) 32-6
Empire of India (24-3) 24-4 1/2

JUTES

Barnagore (£9 1/4) £9 1/4

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber (26-0) 26-0
Gula Kelampong (21-10 1/2) 22-3
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (34-3) 34-3

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (31-3) 31-3
Burma Corporation (9-7 1/2) 9-9
Rio Tintos (£15 1/4) £15 1/4
East Rand Properties (44-4 1/2) 45-7 1/2
Rand Mines (£6 7/8) £7

MINE SHARES

Crown (£13 3/8) £13 3/8
Associated Portland Cement (56-3) 57-6
Trinidad Leasehold (77-6) 78-9
Sub Nigel (£9 1/4) £9 1/4
Spring Mines Split Shares (25-0) 25-0
Union Corporation (£6 7/8) £6 7/8

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (25-7 1/2) 25-7 1/2
Anglo Indian (58-9) 58-9
Burma Oil (72-6) 72-6
Mexican Eagle (6-4 1/2) 6-4 1/2
Shell Transport (79-4 1/2) 80-7 1/2
Royal Dutch (£33) £33 1/8

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary (£47) £47 1/4
London Midland Ordinary (£20 7/8) £20 5/8
London North Eastern Def (£3 1/4) £3 1/4
London Southern Def (£19 7/8) £19 7/8
London Transport 5 per cent (£120) £119 1/2
London Transport 'C' (£48) £47 1/2

MADRAS SHARE MARKET

Improved Sentiment In Most Sections

MADRAS: Feb. 28.

The local Stock Exchange remained steady and a better feeling was evident in most sections. Sugar shares also met with a better enquiry. Among Miscellaneous Engineerings were firm, particularly Indian Irons and Steel Corporations. Public utilities met with good enquiry and among Cotton mills Buckinghams remained firm. Planting shares were steady.

The following transactions are reported:—

India Bank 112 c d; Bank of Hindustan 20/2; Buckinghams 215 c d o 1; Lakshmis 41, 41/4, 41/8; Cochin Malabars 6/4/6 x d, 6/6 c d; Kalpettas 16/4; Midlands 4/10; Tropicals 16; United Breweries 70; Deccan Sugars 43; Mysore Sugars 42/8, 42/14, 43; Mysore Paper 12/12; Madras Telephone 17/2, 17/3, 17/4.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET

AHMEDABAD: Feb. 28.

Following are the closing quotations of the Share Bazar of 28th:—

Calico 735/8; Ambika 15; Jubilee 267/8; Jupiter 124; Motilal Hirabhai 3; Marsden 107/8; Monograme 66/8; Ordinary 380.

PEPPER & GINGER PRICES

Bombay, Feb 28

(The Pepper and Ginger Merchants' Association Ltd.).

Pepper ready Allepey per candy	Rs.	92	0	0
Pepper Chaitra Sud 15th per candy		95	0	0
Pepper Jeth Sud 15th per candy		101	0	0
Pepper ready Lampong in C.I.F. per candy		0	0	0
Ginger ready unbleached per cwt		16	0	0
Ginger ready bleached per cwt		18	0	0
Ginger Chaitra Sud 15th per cwt		17	12	0
Ginger Vaishakh Sud 15th per cwt		18	12	0

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

BOMBAY: Feb. 28.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

In full-pressed bales.	Yesterday.	This year.	Since 1st Septr. Last year
Khandesh		48,294	32,342
Central India	981	68,385	182,557
Barsi and Nagar		102,781	52,816
Hyderabad-Gaorani		40,293	4,149
Berar	815	243,845	117,059
Central Provinces	78	57,448	26,284
Total Oomras	1,874	561,046	417,207
Dholera	1,562	41,456	112,052
N.-W. Provinces		21,801	2,155
Rajputana	69	24,410	43,980
Sind-Punjab	954	286,497	257,178
Broach	4,920	142,647	92,060
Coompta and Dharwar		14,913	14,168
Westerns-Northerns		15,654	19,586
Cocoanada		50	84
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		1,309	2,540
American	4,538	18,177	2,196
Egyptian, African and Sudan	146	199,593	173,111
Comilla, Burma and other sorts		1,920	7
Total	14,563	1,330,473	1,136,324
Arrived by road to 22nd February 1940		194,388	.....

EXPORTS FROM BOMBAY

In full-pressed bales.	Yesterday.	Sept. 1 to Feb. 22 This year.	Last year
Total	5,025	977,639	689,874

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Steels Advance On Strong Buying Support

CALCUTTA: Feb. 28.

In the Calcutta Share Market Jutes section exhibited very little alterations and business was restricted. In Coals only a limited trading took place. Teas were neglected. In Miscellaneous both Indian Irons and Steel Corporations (ordy) advanced further to-day on strong buying support. Other speculative issues also showed steady advances over their last figures. Government securities were slightly easier on profit-taking.

The following were the closing quotations:—

Government Securities: 3 per cent Loan 1951/54 97/8; 3 1/2 per cent Govt. Paper 92/12; 4 per cent Loan 1960/70 107/2 small lot; 5 per cent Loan 1945/55 112/12 c t; 3 per cent U P Loan 1952 95/10

Banks: Imperial Bank fully paid 1500 c t; Reserve Bank 108

Railways: Chaparmukh Silghat Railway 84 ex-div; Sara Serajganj Railway 98/8

Cottons: Cawnpore Textiles 6/1; New Victoria ordy 1/9

Coals: Amalgamated 29/12; Burrakur 13/12; Churulia 1/12; Dhemo Main 16/4; Equitable 36/12; Kuardi 2/14; Parasea 1/7; Samla 2/4; Talcher 1/12; West Jamuria 31/4 small lots.

Jutes: Anglo Indi a 391/8; Budge-Budge 362; Fort Gloster 535; Howrah 55/4; India 352 c t; Kelvin pref 156 Nuddea 63/8; Presidency 5/9; Standard 320; Union 430; Minings: Burma Corporation 6/13 c div; Ogmsolidated Tin 4/10; Indian Copper 2/7; Rhodesia Copper 1/5; Tavoy Tin 1/14.

Cement: Dalmia Cement ordy 10 small lot.

Chemical: Bengal Chemical pref 16/3.

Electric: Patna Elec 16.

Eng. Companies: Burn and Co ordy 362; Hukumchand Elec Steel 7/8 c t; Indian Iron and Steel 36/12; Kumardhubi Eng. ordy 5; Marshalls 2/6, Steel Corporation ordy 20/1; Steel Corporation pref 103/8.

Miscellaneous: B I Corporation ordy 4/7; B I Corporation pref 168/8; Dunlop Rubber ordy 25/14; Spences Hotel 2/8.

Oil Shares: Indo Burma Petroleum ordy 114.

Paper Mills: Mysore Paper 12/10; Titaghur Paper 'A' and 'B' Ordy 29/9.

Saw Mills: Assam Saws 2/14.

Sugar Shares: Buland 16 c t; Murree Brewery 11/2; Raza 16 c t.—A. P.

KARACHI PRODUCE MARKET

KARACHI: Feb. 28.

To-day's closing quotations:—

Cotton Sind March 26/15; Punjab March 21/11; 4 F March 30/10/9. Steady.

Wheat March 29/12; July 31/6/9. Steady.

Gram July 31/19.

Toria Feb. 41/9; March 42/2; May 43/12.

Cottonseed March 23/1; May 23/10/3.

WALL-STREET MARKET

New York, Feb 27

Messrs. Batlivala and Karani have issued the following report showing quotations of the New York Stock Exchange:—

	Dollars.
Elec Pow and Lt 7 per cent Pfd	29 1/4
Electric Bond and Share Common	7
Electric Bond and Share dol 5 Pfd	68
Amr Tel and Tel	171 1/2
Western Union Teig	23 1/2
New York Central R R	16 1/8
Great Northern Pfd	23
Amtex Corporation	14 3/8
Union Carbon and Carbide	83
Texas Corporation	43 7/8
Woolworth	40 1/4
Socony	11 1/4
Consolidated Oil	7 1/8
United States Steel	57 1/4
Crucible Steel	36 3/4
Republic Steel	20 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	75 3/8
Allegheny Ludlum Steel	22 1/8
Int Nickel of Canada	36 3/8
Anaconda Copper Mining	29 1/4
Chrysler Motors	83 1/4
General Motors	52 7/8
Firestone Rubber	20
Chase National Bank	34 3/4
National City Bank of New York	29 1/2

Turnover 510,000 shares. Steel production 65.9 per cent against 67.2 per cent last week.

GROUNDNUTS AND SEEDS

Bombay, Feb 28

Castorseeds May—			
Opening	Rs.	53	8 0
Highest		53	14 0
Lowest		52	8 0
Closing		53	4 0
Groundnuts May—			
Opening		40	6 0
Highest		40	14 6
Lowest		40	2 0
Closing		40	9 0
Cottonseeds May—			
Opening		26	12 0
Highest		26	14 0
Lowest		26	9 0
Closing		26	10 0

Cotton Room Rates

Bombay, Feb 28

	Extra Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G—					
Bengal U P	209	207	204	201	
Punjab	209	207	204	201	
Rajputana	217	215	212	209	
Oomra No. 3	248	246	243	240	
C. P. No. 1	263	261	258	255	
C. P. No. 2	254	252	249	246	
Broach No. 2		278	276	273	270
Surat		315	313	310	307
Rajpipla		310	308	305	302
Navsari		326	324	321	318

Ready Cotton Quotations

Bombay, Feb 28

Bengal Fine	210-12
Punjab Fine	205-07
C. P. 1	258-61
C. P. 2	245-47
Berar	240-41
Khandesh	233-37
Jalna Sailu	235-37
Ahmednagar	235-37
Broach	270-74
Punjab 4 F	286-94
Punjab 289 F	324-29
Sindh N T	304-12

American Cotton Figures

F P Bales	1939-40	1938-39
Receipts to date 27-2-1940	6397000	3384000
Receipts yesterday 27-2-40	26000	7000
Exports to date 27-2-40	4867000	2614000
Stock at Ports 23-2-40	2978000	2614000
Stock at Interior Towns 23-2-40	2840000	3136000
Stock at Liverpool 23-2-40	.....	1002000
Visible Supply 23-2-40	.....	6848000
Quantity in sight 23-2-40	11335000	7903000
Quantity out of sight 23-2-40	.....	6690000

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, Feb 28

Yellow metal sheets	Rs.	58	0 0
Copper sheets	Rs.	76	0 0

Tone:—Very steady.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Feb 27

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£68	1/2
Indian stock 3 per cent 1948	£80	1/2
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	£93	1/4
Indian stock 4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	£111	1/2
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£74	3/8
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£99	
War loan 3 1/2 per cent	£99	1/4
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£112	3/8
Victory Bonds	£110	
Chartered Bank of I A and China	£9	
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London Reg	£89	
National Bank of India	£30	

DEVKARAN NANJEE BANKING CO. LTD.

Steady Progress And Good Response From Public

The third annual general meeting of the Devkaran Nanjee Banking Co. Ltd. was held on Wednesday, the 28th inst. when the following report was adopted together with audited Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss account for the year ending December 1939:

In pursuance of the resolution passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of your Company held on the 4th December 1939, the Authorised Capital of your Company was increased to Rupees Fifty Lakhs. Believing that it would in due course be advisable for the Bank to issue further capital, your Directors thought it fit to take the necessary authority from you in this manner. A further call was made on the subscribed capital with the result that the paid-up capital has also been increased to Rs. 11,30,000 as will be seen from the accompanying Balance Sheet.

The Directors are glad to feel that a steady progress is being made by the Bank generally. The comparative table given below speaks for itself:—

	Total as on 17th August 1938. Rs. a. p.	Total as on 31st December 1938. Rs. a. p.	Total as on 31st Decr. 1939. Rs. a. p.
Deposits	2,26,048-13-6	5,18,550- 6-0	16,25,661- 7-4
Loans, etc.	1,59,445-12-2	3,62,094-12-0	4,42,133-10-0
Investments	71,246- 8-6	7,51,009- 5-9	29,40,981-13-0
Liabilities & Assets	11,54,038- 0-7	18,14,205-14-0	51,35,201- 2-4

In the last year's report the Directors informed that the subject of opening branches of the Bank was engaging their attention. The Directors are pleased to report that two branches of the Bank have been opened during the year in Bombay, viz. at Thakurdwar and near Sandhurst Bridge.

The satisfactory response which the two branches of your Bank received from the public has heartened the Directors in the continuation of this policy. Your Directors being further encouraged by the kind suggestion of several esteemed friends and clients of the Bank have decided to open a branch of the Bank at Kalbadevi also. A very prominent place near the Junction of Kalbadevi Road and Marwadi Bazar, being the Ground Floor of the newly constructed Building opposite the Cotton Exchange, has been leased and the branch will be inaugurated on the 11th of March next.

SILVER BARS

The Bank's Small Silver Bar business has shown a fair progress, but the Sales Tax Act passed recently in the Madras Presidency has been somewhat interfering with the sales in the Southern districts. The Bank's 50-Tola Bars, also manufactured at H. M. Mint, Bombay, were put into circulation during the year in addition to our 10, 20 and 100-Tola Bars. The Bank has for some time been in communication with H. M. Mint, Bombay, for the manufacture of the Bank's 250-Tola Bars, but owing to pressure of work at the H. M. Mint, it has not yet been possible for the necessary arrangements to be made for their manufacture.

CASH CERTIFICATES

As indicated in our last report the Bank's 6-year and 3-year Cash Certificates, entitled 'Denabank' Cash Certificates, yielding interest at about 3 1/2 per cent. and 2 3/4 per cent. respectively, are being issued by the Bank and its Branches, since the 24th May last, in denominations of Rs. 10, Rs. 20, Rs. 50, Rs. 100, Rs. 500, Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 5,000.

The Directors acquired for the Bank the Properties at Girgaum Road, Thakurdwar, in which the Thakurdwar Branch of the Bank is situated. The Properties consist of an area of nearly 4,100 sq. yards in one of the most prominent and busy localities in the town, and as a large portion of the said area is unbuilt it provides scope for great development. Your Directors believe that this should in due course prove to be a profitable investment for the Bank.

With regard to the investments of the Bank in Bullion, the Directors wish to point out that the same were fully hedged having been made with a view to earning favourable yields in the shape of Budlee differences. As to Government Securities, looking to the present circumstances of war, your Directors rather favour curtailment of the Bank's commitments in this type of investment.

Your Directors are pleased to report that satisfactory progress has been made in handling inland trade bills on account of clients, and this business is being further developed by the bank along with the overseas Exchange business with Europe, America, the Far East, etc.

Referring to the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account submitted herewith, your Directors hope that the small profit of Rs. 7,971/9/6 (which does not include Rs. 2,174/6/8 brought forward from the last year) will not be considered by you too small in view of the fact that this is the result of really the first complete year of the bank's working. Your directors have from its very inception in May 1938, decided upon a conservative policy for the bank and wish to build up, gradually and safely, a sound structure on a firm foundation rather than be in a hurry to earn large profits taking undue risks. Out of Rs. 10,146/0/2 in the Profit and Loss account your directors now propose to allocate to the Bank Premises account (5% depreciation) Rs. 5,000; to place to the Deferred Revenue Expenditure account Rs. 3,000 and to carry forward Rs. 2,146/0/2. Total Rs. 10,146/0/2.

Your directors appointed Mr. Narandas R. Cantoi and Mr. Jayantilal R. Trivedi as additional directors under Article 99 of the Articles of Association and were re-elected. The report was unanimously adopted.

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay, Feb 28

Yarn No. 6 1/2s February 139 April 142 June 145
Yarn No. 10 1/2s February 156 April 160 June 164
Yarn No. 20 1/2s February 212 April 218 June 222
Yarn No. 40s February 285 April 288 June 291

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY

Summary of Meteorological observations during 24 hours ending at 8 a.m. of 28-2-1940:—

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hrs. —.008 inches.

Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 78.1 deg.

Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 71.6 deg.

Maximum temperature during 24 hours 87.4 deg. (3.3 above normal)

Minimum temperature during 24 hours 72.6 deg. (3.4 above normal).

Relative Humidity at 8 a.m. 72 per cent.

Direction of wind at 8 a.m. N.

Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 8 miles per hr.

Total movement of wind in 24 hours 177 miles.

Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 26 miles per hour.

Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. to 10) 0.

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING

DATED 28-2-1940

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 80.1 deg. F. a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.09 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.89 inches.

For correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVED

Bombay: Feb. 28.

Lionel Edward's Norwegian s s Tennessee of 3491 reg tons Capt E Hansen arrived from Calcutta with general cargo.

B S N Coy's Norwegian s s Pronto of 1283 reg tons Capt J H Waggo arrived from Karachi with general cargo.

James Finlay and Coy's Norwegian s s K G Meidahl of 2194 reg tons Capt O G Jacobsen arrived from San Francisco with cargo of cotton.

SAILED

M B Kaisha's Japanese s s Tenyo Maru Capt Y Masuda sailed for Karachi with general cargo.

EXPORTS

Bombay: Feb. 28.

1000 bales raw cotton Volkart Bros; 200 bls raw cotton T M Kaisha Ltd; 700 bls raw cotton Japan Cotton Trading Co Ltd; 400 bls raw cotton K Devchand and Co Ltd; 55 bls raw cotton Viram Ladha and Co; 200 bls raw cotton The Universal Cotton Trading Co; 850 bls raw cottou Podar Trading Co Ltd; 4770 bags groundnut kernal The East Asiatic Co Ltd; 1264 bags groundnut cake exp D Abraham and Sons; 8 bdls raw kid skins D Abraham and Sons; 23 bls wool raw Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 250 tons old iron scrap C Manilal Ltd; 191 bls cotton waste T Laxmidas and Co; 25 bls cotton waste C Jairam and Co; 54 cases bristles D Abraham and Sons; 2472 bags myrabollam P Mathradas and Co Ltd; 2716 bags castor seed Ralli Bros Ltd; 2784 bags castor seed The Oilseeds Trading Co Ltd; 5334 bags groundnut kernal The Oilseeds Trading Co Ltd; 800 bags myrabollams J Moolchand and Co; 372 bags groundnut kernals G Gokalchand; 960 bags myrabollams C Jivanlal and Co; 100 bls hemp H K Keshavwalla; 66 bags almonds H A A Kermany; 20 bales wool raw H A Panju; 500 tons manganese ore James Finlay and Co Ltd; 20 bales cotton piecegoods K Virji and Co; 25 bls cotton grey yarn H Khiarem; 130 bls cotton grey yarn R Shantilal and Co; 21 bls cotton piecegoods K Gordhandas and Co; 200 bags dill seed H K Keshavwalla; 6870 bags castorseed L Dreyfus and Co; 5206 bags groundnut oil cake exp H Rawjee and Co; 5640 bags groundnut cake meal H Rawjee and Co; 800 bundles tin plate clippings The National Transport Co; 125 bales grey cotton yarn J Jeevan and Co; 4200 bgs groundnut oil cakes exp F H Kassam; 110 bls raw cotton Bombay Co Ltd; 3840 bags groundnut oil cakes exp A Oomerbhoy; 1778 bags castor seeds B Pahalajrai Co; 520 bgs old buffalo pickers The Overseas Cotton Waste Co; 3640 bags myrabollams R S Tata and Co; 130 bls old jute rags Patel and Co; 20 bls cotton yarn G Ab Yaffi; 50 bls cotton yarn M A Al Abdul Razzak; 60 bls raw cotton A Clayton and Co; 100 bls raw cotton N Futehally and Co; 200 bls raw cotton Khimji Vishram and Sons; 100 bls raw cotton Pehiavi Cotton Co; 100 bls raw cotton A Khimji and Co; 200 bls raw cotton Kotak and Co; 200 bls raw cotton J M Dave and Co; 200 bls raw cotton N Nagsee 100 bls raw cotton J Jeevan and Co; 100 bls raw cotton M S Kaisha Ltd; 430 bls raw cotton The Patel Cotton Co Ltd; 255 bls raw cotton Ramnarain Sons Ltd; 100 bls raw cotton P Hirachand and Co; 68 bls woollen carpets and rugs Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 924 bags myrabollam H Bhagwandas and Co; 640 bags myrabollam K Tricamji; 640 bags myrabollam T Raghavji and Co; 320 bags myrabollam H Raghavji and Co; 65 bls wool raw The Bombay Co Ltd; 75 bls wool raw Vasanji and Co; 35 bls cotton rags The Overseas Cotton Waste Co; 2464 bags mustard seed S M Rajgor and Co; 127 bags turmeric S M Rajgor and Co; 9350 bags groundnut kernals S M Rajgor and Co; 20 bales D/s goat skins D Abraham and Sons; 11 bls cow hides tanned P E Boyce and Son; 12 bls cotton piecegoods Textile Export Co; 49 bls cotton yarn E D Sassoon and Co Ltd; 36 bls cotton piecegoods E D Sassoon and Co Ltd.

IMPORTS

Bombay: Feb. 28.

424 cases cottons; 58 bls cotton fents; 854 cases accumulators; 50 bdls iron boot protectors; 170 c/s Level salts; 50 loose earthenware lavatories; 308 crates tiles; 60 cases stout; 78 cases hemp twine; 46 crates mill boards; 89 c/s steel axles; 40 bdls channel steel; 36 c/s cigarettes; 65 cases window glass; 69 cases screws; 17 unpacked motor cars; 30 cases brandy; 200 kegs Formusal; 38 coils copper tape; 200 cases bath bricks; 776 bdls steel baling hoops; 144 cases condensed milk; 89 cases safety cartridges; 48 bdls C I cycle brackets; 275 cases rayon yarn; 32 bdls soap; 41 pieces flan earthenware; 322 bdls steel bars; 325 bags glass bottles; 60 coils wire shorts; 200 cases milk powder; 965 cases whisky; 8 cases cycles and parts; 400 bags boiler 'agging; 112 bls wool tops; 762 cases machinery; 691 drums dry aniline dyes; 50 kegs hyposulphite crystals; 85 loose pneum covers; 48 drums zinc chloride; 58 D/bags broken tiles; 111 casks bleaching powder; 200 bags soda ash; 1000 bags bicarb soda; 200 bags Limbux; 100 drums chloride of lime; 45 casks muriate of ammonia; 2795 drums caustic soda; 42 loose M/car tyres outer covers; 86 loose stone breaker; 3373 pieces Padonk scantlings; 170 D/bags light soda ash; 2874 pkgs box boards; 5848 bags sugar; 150 kegs sulphate of copper; 56 cases empty cartons; 110 bags Chuchineal; 50 bags almonds; 2900 pkgs black pepper; 1025 bags cocoanuts; 32 bls packing paper; 33 bags coffee; 30 cases cardamoms; 4922 bags copra; 60 bls waste paper

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BOMBAY and SUBURBS

Local Engagements

To-day

Hindu: Magh Vad 6, 1996
Muslim: Moharram 20, 1359
Parsi: Shetever 27, 1309
Hightide: 3-58; 16-59
Lowtide: 10-18; 22-54
Sunrise: 7h. 0m.
Sunset: 6h. 45m

BOMBAY CATHOLIC SCOUT GUILD
The annual general meeting of the above institution will be held at St. Mary's English Teaching High School, Nesbit Road to-day (Thursday) at 6-15 p.m.

COMMERCE GRADUATES' ASSOCN.
Under the auspices of the above association, Principal Sohrab R. Davar, Bar-at-Law, will give a talk on "The Civic Administration of Bombay and Its Finances" to-day (Thursday) at 6-30 p.m. at the Association rooms, Wadia Building, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay.

ENROLLED ADVOCATE, ORIGINAL SIDE
Mr. Musaji E. Patel, M.L.A., B.A., LL.B., Advocate (A.S.) a member of the All-India Muslim League Council and a prominent member of Muslim League Party in Bombay Legislature and a practising lawyer in Bombay Police Courts, has been enrolled Advocate, Original Side, by the Hon. Judges of the Bombay High Court, on Feb. 23.

TRAMWAY TRAFFIC UNION
Under the auspices of the Tramway Traffic Union, Bombay, a meeting of the members will be held to-day (Thursday) at 11.30 p.m. (S.T.) at the new office of the Union, at Mantri House, junction of Kennedy Bridge and Sandhurst Bridge, opp. Royal Opera House, Bombay, when Mr. Purshottum Tricumdas will preside.

LAL BAVTA SOAP FACTORY WORKERS UNION
(From A Correspondent)
A public meeting was held under the auspices of the above Union, opposite the Bombay Soap Factory in Madanpura. Mr. Therval was in chair. Mr. Shahid and Dr. Savant (General Sec. of the Union) addressed the meeting.

RECEPTION TO KRISHNARAO MUDAVIDU
Under the auspices of the Karnatak Sangh, Bombay, a public reception will be accorded to Sjt. Krishnarao Mudavidu, the President of the Kannada Sahitya Sammelan, at Victoria Terminus, on Sunday, the 3rd March at 10-20 a.m. All Karnatak institutions in the city of Bombay desiring to participate in the reception should communicate to the Hon. Secretary, the Karnatak Sangh, Sanzgiri Sadan, Bombay 4.

PASSPORTS TO BELGIAN SUBJECTS
BOMBAY: Feb. 28.
Passports issued to Belgian subjects in India prior to October 11, 1939, have now been cancelled, says a "communique" issued by the Acting Consul-General for Belgium in Bombay, to-day.
These passports shall be made valid for a period of three months, or for a period not exceeding that of the normal validity of the said passport, by means of a fresh visa, which can be obtained 'gratis' on application to the Belgian Consulate-General, Bombay.—United Press.

Amusements Of The Day

CAPITOL—"Lady of the Tropics". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Pack Up Your Troubles". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Fast and Furious" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"The Return of Dr. X". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Eternally Yours". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
SUPER—"Ek He-Bhool". Daily at 4-30, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
PATHE—"Mud". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
ROXY—"Kangan". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
NEW WEST END—"The Will." Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Pukar" Daily at 3-45, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Jawani ki Reet". Daily at 4-15, 7-15 and 9-45 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Achhut" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Manoos" Daily at 3-45, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
DIAMOND—"The Great Adventures of Wild Bill Hickok". Daily at 4-30, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"My Beloved". Daily at 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
PLAZA—"The Only Way". Time as usual.
KOHINOOR—"Sant Tulsidas". Time as usual.

A.-I. PRESS WORKERS' CONFERENCE

Mr. S. G. Wakankar, Secretary, Provisional Committee, writes:—
With a view to bringing all Press workers' organisations in the country together and co-ordinate them and to voice and press their immediate demands, the Lal Bavta Press Kamgar Union has decided to call the third All-India Press Workers' Conference in the coming Easter (March) in Bombay.
A Provisional Committee consisting of Messrs. Modak, Ware, R. K. Sawant, Wakankar and Siraj-ud-Din has been formed. The committee appeals to all Press workers to enrol themselves as members of the Reception Committee of this Conference; the membership fee of the R. C. being only one anna.
The Committee also appeals to all Unions of the Press workers to start at once in right earnest to carry on propaganda for the Conference, through meetings, leaflets, etc. and help to make the Conference a success.

Swastik Oil Mills Resumes Work

We have received the following from the Management of the Swastik Oil Mills Company:—
Few weeks back some of the workers approached the Management for dearness allowance and they were told that since the Millowners' Association had been considering this question of Allowance, the Company would give effect to their decision and pay their workers accordingly. This satisfied the workers and there were no further representation from them.
When the Management came to know that there was no unanimity between the Millowners' Association and the Conciliation Board they approached the Labour Commissioner on the 22nd instant and showed their willingness to pay according to the recommendations of the Conciliation Board, which being not published then naturally, the Company had awaited that publication.
All of a sudden, without any warning or notice, only few workers refused to come to work on 23rd morning and stopped all other workers coming in. Thereupon the Management put up a notice on the gates that as the strike was illegal, being without any notice, unless the workers resumed the work before noon the Management would be entitled to deduct 8 days' wages under the Wages Act.
The Management later during the day understood that most of their workers were satisfied with the promise given by the Company for dearness allowance and had no desire to go on strike, but because of the intimidation from the strikers they were afraid to come to work. The Management, therefore, offered them help and protection to come to work and accordingly next morning, the Company's lorries were sent to fetch the old workers. There were no new recruits in the lorries; in spite of this stones were thrown by the strikers and half a dozen men were injured.
Later in the day wiser counsel prevailed with the strikers. They being satisfied with the Company's intentions called-off the strike and the Management agreed to the workers request not to cut eight days wages for illegal strike. The mill has resumed its normal working since Monday morning.

TULSI RAMAYAN
Swami Gunateetanand of Ramakrishna Mission, Khar Road, Khar, will give his discourse on Tulsi Ramayan to-day (Thursday) at 5-30 p.m. at the Ramakrishna Mission Library Hall, Khar Road.

Mahar Gets Reward For Courage

The Bombay Government has rewarded the courage and devotion to duty shown by Ramchandra Gana Mahar, village Kamgar of Dhanora, in the East Khandesh district by granting him a cash allowance of Rs. 4 a month for life.
Ramchandra Gana bravely resisted robbers at a Marwari's house. In the affray his leg was fractured and had to be amputated later.

Death Of Aga Khan's Niece

POONA, Feb. 27.
The death occurred of Begum Shah Rookh Shah, the widow of the late Nawab Shah Rookh Shah on Monday at her residence in Poona. She was the daughter of the late Aga Shahabuddin Shah and niece of His Highness the Aga Khan.

P. E. N. Public Lecture

Mr. C. Aubrey Menon, the well-known English playwright will give a lecture under P.E.N. auspices on "Contemporary English Drama" to-day (Thursday) at 6 p.m. The Hon. Mr. Justice B. J. Wadia will preside.
The meeting which will be in the lecture room of the Royal Asiatic Society, Bombay Branch, in the Town Hall, at Elphinstone Circle, will be open to the public.

CORPORATION MEETING
A meeting of the Corporation will be held in the Corporation Hall, to-day (Thursday) at 3 p.m. (Bombay Time).

MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES

Congress Party's Nominees

At a meeting of the Congress Municipal Party held on Tuesday following members of the party were selected for representation on the Standing Committee: Mr. Soondercas Morarji, Mr. R. A. Gole, Dr. T. R. Naravane, Mr. S. L. Silam, Mr. Motichand Kapadia and Mr. R. B. Raut.
The following non-members of the party were also selected: Mr. M. I. Rowjee, Mr. M. M. Killedar and Mr. E. R. Hirjibehedin.
Members of the party selected for election to the Improvements Committee are Dr. (Mrs.) Malinibai Sukhthankar, Mr. Chimanlal Manchubhai, Dr. J. V. Vora, Mr. Shivdas C. Thakker, Mr. P. N. Kagale and Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas. Those selected from outside the party are Mr. S. S. Mirajkar and Mr. Abdul Karim Ali M. Gatarwala.
Members of the party selected for election to the Schools Committee are Prof. Gharpure, Dr. R. K. Shirodkar, Mr. Ganpat Sanker Desai and Mr. I. S. Patel. Those selected from outside the party are Mr. Abdul Razak Abdulla and Mrs. Shuffi Tyebji.
The two non-members of the Corporation decided upon for co-option to the Schools Committee are Mr. P. R. Lele and Mr. Nanubhai Desai.

PENAL CONFERENCE, NOT A FAILURE

Srivastava's Reply To Nariman

Mr. Gopinath Srivastava, General Secretary, Indian Penal Reform League, writes:—
"In the morning's "Chronicle," I find a prominently displayed statement by Mr. K. F. Nariman pertaining to the first Penal Conference we had here in Bombay last week-end. His main grievance appears to be that he was not allowed, on the second day of the Conference, to move a string of resolutions on a variety of subjects and he, therefore, concludes that a 'unique opportunity for tackling one of the most vital social problems in India was lost' and that 'not a single question of penal and prison reform was touched.' I do not propose to pick up a controversy with the redoubtable Mr. Nariman but would, lest his highly exaggerated and inaccurate statements mislead any section of the public, like to state that the facts in their true perspective.
The proceedings of the Conference were divided into three parts the opening day which was to be covered by addresses, the subsequent sitting which was meant for the business session and the closing day when papers were to be read, a feature that characterises every scientific gathering. Mr. Nariman's resolution could be taken only on the business day sitting and not on the third day. In fact, I enquired during the business meeting if he was present but was told that he was not there.
To say that not a single question of penal and prison reform was touched at the Conference is to do us a gross injustice and if the charge did not come forth from Mr. Nariman it would have cut us deep. For the League has decided, and rightly too, to take up the two most important items for the next year's programme—the question of juvenile delinquency and the Criminal tribes. Besides it has decided to bring out a periodical, which is to act as its official organ, to educate and stimulate public opinion on all penal matters.
I am not surprised that Mr. Nariman cannot see his way to congratulate the conveners and organisers for the show. On the other hand, it would have meant a good deal of heart-searching for us, if he had.

Mr. A. C. Turner, I.C.S., M.A., (Cantab), Commissioner of Income-tax, Bombay, whose transfer to Delhi as Joint Secretary, Finance Department, Government of India, is impending.

IN AID OF RED CROSS

Special Premiere Of "Secret Of Dr. Kildare" At Metro To-morrow

The special premiere of M. G. M.'s new picture "The Secret of Dr. Kildare (starring Lionel Barrymore and Lew Ayres) will be held at Metro at 10 p.m. to-morrow (Friday). The entire proceeds will be donated to the Red Cross and St. Dunstan's Appeal Fund. The Governor and Lady Lumley will be present on the occasion.

CRIPPLED BY PAINS IN THE LEGS

Physical Instructor Loses Use of Limbs

FIT AS EVER AFTER TAKING KRUSCHEN

This physical instructor was attacked by violent, stabbing pains in the legs, which threatened to deprive him of his livelihood. He tried a number of things which brought him no relief. Then he started on Kruschen and that soon put him on his feet again. Read his tribute:—
"I am a swimming and physical instructor. Early this year I had violent, stabbing pains in my legs from the hips to the big toe. In the mornings, I could not walk for three or four hours. I could stick pins in my back and not feel them. Massage oil, pills, etc., did me no good, and I spent pounds to no avail. Someone begged me to take Kruschen Salts. In despair I got a bottle. After I had taken three parts of the contents, I was as fit as ever, except for a little stiffness of the joints, while in general health I was far better. Kruschen has put me on my legs again." H. L. S.
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WELL-DRESSED— but NOT DRESSED UP

To be well dressed one must look as if one were comfortable. These members of the Dress-Reform League are at an informal party. The man on the right wears short coat in the Rajput style and jodhpurs to match, of "Riviera" cotton which looks like a fine wool gaberdine, and holds its shape just as well. His companion wears a single-breasted suit of sand-coloured herringbone "Hanava", which is almost indistinguishable from a light, smooth tweed. Both men are perfectly cool and comfortable psychologically as well as physically, for they have the comfortable knowledge that their suits sit and hang perfectly, despite countless washings.

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TASK FOR RAMGARH

The current number of the *Asiatic Review* publishes an interesting article on India's Constitution and the War, being a paper read by Sir Alfred Watson, ex-Editor of the "Statesman," before the East India Association, London, together with the debate thereon. The paper is of interest mainly because it reveals the mentality of an average Britisher towards India in the present crisis. Its gist is that Britain's offer of full Dominion Status to India as early as possible is as generous as one can imagine and it is suicidal for India to reject it. It is unnecessary to discuss here the nature of the status offered as distinguished from the Indian demand for complete Independence; for if it suits Britain to leave the status undefined it will not suit India to accept it unless it is made perfectly clear and expressly includes the right to secede. But the most pertinent point now is when that status is promised to be given. "As early as possible" sounds plausible, but when one recalls the fate of similar vague promises by Britain in the past one cannot but be distrustful. British imperialists have a genius to interpret such promises in the right imperialist fashion. Were we not offered Dominion Status ten years ago at the R. T. Conference with safeguards "demonstrably in Indian interests"? Why, had we not Dominion Status in practice a few months before Gandhiji was clapped into jail immediately after his return from the R. T. C. and the horrors of repression were again let loose in India?

Latest Offer

Let us consider Sir Alfred Watson's own interpretation of the latest offer of Dominion Status "as early as possible." "Dominion Status," he says, "cannot be conferred by a wave of a wand. It comes, not as a gift from others, but as something that a people must themselves achieve. In India as elsewhere it requires, first, the willing assent of the people, then their union in a federal system, next their agreement upon the form of their future constitution, and, finally, the full acceptance of responsibility for internal and external defence. When the British Government is asked to state some definite date at which Dominion Status will be reached, the answer can be no other than another question, "when will India have prepared the ground"? Sir Alfred has missed at least two important items in the preparation of the ground, namely, making an agreement with the Princes and another with the Europeans in India, not to mention other conditions that Lord Zetland may yet conceive of.

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Sir Hari Sing Gour, who was present at the reading of the paper in question, pointed out during the debate how the present Viceroy when he presided over the joint Parliamentary Committee asked the Indian delegates to the R. T. C. if they were united upon a demand which the Government of Great Britain could consider and how the challenge was promptly taken up and a joint memorandum was submitted with the unanimous approval of the Indian delegates. And Sir Hari Singh asked why the memorandum was not accepted and why it should not even now be made the basis for negotiations. The answer to the first question is obviously that the British arbiters of the Indian demand did not approve of the Memorandum. It is precisely because the same story may be repeated even now that the Congress demands first and foremost India's right to be her own arbiter. As regards Sir Hari Singh's second question, Sir Alfred said it was not enough to make a united demand and that "the doubt is whether Indians will so organise themselves that they are prepared to accept the full self-government which is offered." We confess this is not quite clear to us, if it was at all expected to be quite clear. Probably it means that a paper demand is not enough but that a sanction is necessary in the shape of a national organisation to make the demand irresistible. Or, as Sir Alfred has himself said, Dominion Status is "not a gift from others but is something that a people must themselves achieve." This is quite true, though we perhaps understand it in a sense somewhat different from the one intended by Sir Alfred. However, as it is becoming clear as day light that Indian Swaraj is not going to be a matter of a gift or a settlement, the people of India have no other course left than so to organise themselves as to achieve independence as they themselves interpret it and when they themselves want it. That is the task for Ramgarh.

Our Medical Problem

The reference made the other day by Mr. B. G Kher, the late Prime Minister of Bombay, to 'the wretched and highly insanitary conditions and the horror and starvation that he witnessed in one of the districts in the province recently visited by him applies, as an accurate description, in varying degrees to other areas as well. The problem, indeed, of which these deplorable and tragic conditions are merely a symptom is of the greatest urgency and it can be solved only with a scientific approach. The Congress Ministries in all the provinces had been engaged, during their tenure of office, in adopting measures calculated to improve existing conditions in the organization of medical service and relief although the scope of such action was necessarily restricted.

What we need is a vigorous policy based on national needs. Given a wise policy which only a National Government can adopt, it is possible even for a poor country like India to fight nation-wide scourges like malaria and tropical diseases including epidemics like plague and cholera. Such a policy presupposes drastic readjustments in outlook and action. The Bombay Medical Act of 1912, for instance, makes it impossible for this province to improve the medical situation because, under its provisions, the most celebrated and advanced European universities are placed under a ban and our boys and girls are practically debarred from establishing contact with the larger world of science and technical advances in modern medicine and medical movements of national significance. The U. P. Government alone has given a welcome lead in this matter of healthy reform and readjustment in medical policy.

Lese-Majeste?

We wonder if recent events in Travancore have frayed the Dewan's nerves sadly. How else can one imagine a man like Sir C. P. Ramaswami Iyer threatening to "destroy at any cost and without the possibility of resurrection" the tendency of the people in his State to make appeals and complaints to persons outside the State? It is human nature for aggrieved people or people fancying they are aggrieved to hope for relief from their fellow-countrymen anywhere in the country. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Iyer himself has done much in the past for the Home Rule movement for the whole of India. The mere fact that the Indian States are constitutionally different from the provinces or among themselves does not, and ought not to, prevent one section of the nation from seeking sympathy or guidance from another in their economic or other troubles. No province or State can be isolated from the rest of the country. It is open to the authorities of any State to take steps against lawbreakers, whether they belong to the State or come from outside. But to suggest that the people of a State may not appeal or complain to any person outside the State in any public matter is to carry the principle of 'lese-majeste' to an unreasonable extent.

Matriculation Examination

(By B. J. AKKAD.)

The question of the advisability of holding the Matriculation examination twice a year has been engaging the attention of the Bombay University for nearly three years. It was in June 1937 that the Senate adopted a resolution of Dr. Deshmukh advocating two examinations in a year. The relevant statute was, however, not sanctioned by the then Chancellor, as in his opinion, the measure was not in the best interest of education. The question came up before the Senate again in February 1938 when Dr. Karve proposed a modification of the relevant statute to enable the Syndicate to have two examinations. After a prolonged discussion the Senate resolved to refer the question back to the Syndicate, with a clear understanding that the Syndicate should come to a decision after taking into due consideration the opinions of heads of secondary schools, who should be invited to put their views before the university. The Registrar's office took full six months to prepare the draft of the letter to the heads of schools and in August 1938 addressed a circular letter requesting them to let the university have their considered opinion on this vital question pertaining to the welfare of hundreds of students.

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I moved a similar resolution in February 1939, but as the question was being considered by the Syndicate, my resolution was referred back to it.

In the meantime the Committee appointed by the Syndicate submitted the report, which was ratified both by the Academic Council and the Syndicate. This Committee's report reads as under:—

"In view of the replies received from the heads of schools on the proposal, the Committee is of opinion that the matriculation examination should not be held twice a year. If, however, it is decided to hold the matriculation examination twice a year, the Committee feels that the examination should be open to all such candidates as have regularly kept the prescribed attendance in a school year preceding the examination."

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Now a majority of the heads of schools that took the trouble of replying to the circular letter of the Registrar, were definitely in favour of the principle of two examinations in a year, in one form or another. As many as 227 heads of schools favoured the proposal for two examinations, while only 94 were against the proposal. It is, therefore, surprising to note how the learned Committee could have said 'In view of the replies received from the heads of schools on the proposal, the Committee is of opinion that the matriculation examination should not be held twice a year' in face of an overwhelming majority of heads of schools definitely advocating this much-needed reform for the examinations. It must also be noted that the learned Committee were themselves not quite sanguine about their opinion being endorsed by the Senate, because in the latter half of their report they say 'If, however, it is decided to hold the Matriculation examination twice a year, the Committee feels that the examination should be open to all such candidates as have regularly kept the prescribed attendance in a school year preceding the examination.'

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A majority of those who are against the proposal for holding two examinations seem to have ignored the principal fact that the matriculation examination, as conducted at present, besides being an entrance examination for admission to colleges for higher study, is also a school-leaving examination. It serves as a hall-mark to other avenues of life, not to talk of a certain social status which it brings to the successful candidate. An appreciable number of students after passing the matriculation examination leave off their studies, for one reason or another. The following figures will bear out the truth of the above remark:—

Year	Number of successful Students at the matriculation.	Number of students in the F.Y class of the College
1933	7.639	4.811
1934	8.747	5.339
1935	7.614	4.554

Not taking into consideration the small number of repeaters at the first year college examination, in the figures given in the last column, one cannot but be impressed with the fact that as many as 35 per cent. on an average do not care for college studies primarily because they cannot afford to wait longer.

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I drew the attention of the Senate at its meeting on 16th February 1940, while seconding Dr. Karve's amendment for a modification of statute 202, to these figures which speak for themselves, and serve as a crushing rejoinder to those who hold the opposite view. India is proverbially poor and the interests of nearly one-third of the successful students should not be sacrificed at the altar of so-called sound education. The Senate has done well in reaffirming its decision of 1937, and adopting the resolution for two examinations by an overwhelming majority of 58 against 33. In all probability the Chancellor will accept the decision of the Senate, and we may expect that in the not distant future the Bombay University will set an example for other Universities to follow. It may be mentioned, in passing, that the Patna University has already adopted the practice of two examinations in a year.

Before closing, I am constrained to observe that the Registrar's office was unfair to the members of the Senate, inasmuch as it chose to give in the revised agenda for the last Senate meeting, a brief summary of the arguments of those heads of schools that were against the proposal for two examinations, while not a word was said with regard to the arguments of those who were in favour of the proposal.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Hints To Matriculation Examinees

To The Editor of 'The Chronicle'

Sir,—The system of education in India is examination-ridden. So long as it continues to be so, and so long as our pupils have to take examinations, it is their legitimate right and the unavoidable duty of the teachers to equip their charge with the technique. Schools have sadly ignored his duty. It is heart-rendering to see so many pupils "plucked" by a single mark. They can easily secure that and even more, if they are trained in the art of answering questions under examination conditions. The question papers and all that goes with it must be dissected and pupils made familiar with every little detail.

Here I will offer the most important suggestions.

More time should be allotted to questions carrying more marks. Pupils are fond of having a uniform length af answer for all questions. A question may demand an answer of two pages and the time spent on writing three additional pages is a waste and besides it will not carry any marks. On the contrary, it will go against the candidate. (Time spent on irrelevant answer, does not leave enough time to attempt all the questions. Hence the last question is omitted. Omitting a question is a serious risk, as no question howsoever long and howsoever well written ever fetches full marks. On the contrary a badly written answer even, fetches some marks).

Set aside at least fifteen minutes for revision and then divide the time according to the importance and need of each question.

After budgetting the time the easiest question should be attempted. Easiest, difficult and more difficult should be the order. It is very important that the first answer should be well written. It goes a long way in pre-possessing the Examiner in favour of the candidate and that is a great thing.

"Understand the point of the questions", is a very important hint. Time spent in finding out what exactly is asked is well spent. Irrelevant answer is a great drain on the time, besides greatly irritating to the examiner. The answer should be brief and to the point.

Very few pupils are habituated to preparing outline answers. It is positively harmful to write whatever comes to our mind on the question without systematising. Answers written without an outline generally lack unity, coherence and order. They are slovenly and unimpressive.

A good handwriting is an asset. It is not every one, who can write a good hand. But every one can write legibly and neatly. The Examiner has hundreds of papers to correct in a limited time and he has no time to decipher the illegible handwriting of examinees.

Many mistakes are due to sheer negligence. With a little care they can easily be avoided.

Speaking generally, if the examinees learn the technique of answering questions in examination conditions, they will very much improve their chance of passing.—Yours, etc.

S. S. RAICHUR,
B.A., B.T.

Bombay Fire Brigade

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—I have been seeing the controversy which is going on in the papers about the appointment of an Indian to the post of the Chief Officer of Bombay Fire Brigade. I have been a Corporator myself and as far as I know there should be no controversy about the matter at all since the Corporation has already committed itself to appoint an Indian in the place of Mr. Coombs when his present term of extension expires. I hope and trust that the Corporation will carry out its policy of Indianization fom the top in the Fire Brigade also as it has already done so in the other Departments.—Yours, etc.,

ALI BAHADUR KHAN

"Hilal" Office, Bombay 8.
Feb. 27.

"FIGHT UNTIL VICTORY IS WON"

Nazis Deny Peace Plan

BERLIN, Feb. 28.

The official news agency has issued a statement emphatically denying the reports of a German peace plan published in the British Press of which the main points were creation of a new Polish State, self-Government for the protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia, and the return to Germany of her former Colonies.

The statement describes the reports as "sheer invention" put out "for the purpose of raising public morale in Britain and France."

The Germans' answer the statement adds, has already been given in Herr Hitler's speech at Munich. It is "fight until victory is won."—Reuter.

Frankly Speaking

Pritt's "Great Illusion"

Mr. Pritt's advice to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and the Indian National Congress to hold in abeyance their condemnation of the Soviet policy in Finland, however, friendly and well-intentional, is amusing. While making due allowance for Mr. Pritt's soundness of judgment and superior wisdom it must be pointed out that the Pandit is not alone in condemning a policy and an act for which even many convinced communists have failed to adduce complete or satisfactory justification. Mr. Pritt is certainly welcome to the views and interpretation presented in his earlier book. But he is profoundly mistaken in his suggestion that either the Pandit or the Congress is influenced by any imperialist propaganda. We are inspired only by ideals of democracy, love of freedom and right adherence to which is a vital necessity for a people like us who have been engaged in a struggle for national freedom. Any act that violates the principles the triumph of which alone can guarantee a future of real freedom and democracy for us deserves our condemnation. The Pandit has consistently and passionately championed these principles from Spain to China and no one could have been more enthusiastic and friendly towards the Soviet Republic than he as Mr. Pritt himself will have to admit.

Unwise Decision

The agreement of the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee with the local Hindu Mahasabha to contest the ensuing Corporation elections on a joint basis will of necessity divide the elections almost entirely on communal lines. This is most regrettable, besides being in clear violation of the policy of the Congress. It is particularly regrettable at a time when serious attempts are being made in Bengal to solve the communal problem in the province. If the Bengal Congress Committee is really a forward political body, as it loudly and incessantly claimed to be, it ought to have made common cause with radicals of all communities. Common cause with the Mahasabha even in civic matters will not fail to dilute considerably whatever radicalism the Congress Committee possesses.

American Comment

In the December number of "Current History," the American publication, there is an article by W. Dangaix Allen entitled "Gandhi Balks Again." This article is a fresh proof of the constant interest taken by America in Indian affairs. It is obviously written for a reading public which is completely uninfomed about India. There are the most elementary explanations in it. But there are also some interesting bits. Thus the writer says: "While politicians take the credit of India's rapid awakening, much of it belongs to businessmen and scientists." Again, he says, a little poignantly: "Efforts to emancipate the untouchables or depressed classes are epitomized in the election of an Untouchable as the Mayor of the city of Madras This is comparable to the election of a Negro as Mayor of Baltimore." A significant passage is the following: "The British, in drafting the India Act of 1935 with its plan for Provincial Autonomy, found opportunity to widen the breach between Hindus, Muslims and other religious communities on the plea of protecting the weaker groups from the numerically stronger Hindus.' So even America knows.

Harijans In Railways

The Muslim League cut motion in the Central Legislative Assembly for better representation in the Railway services gave rise to a futile debate of a communal character which only ended in an overwhelming defeat for the motion. Would that members had concentrated their attention most on the unfair preference to the European and Anglo-Indian communities, which causes injustice to all other communities. The injustice is greatest to Harijans, whose representation in the railway services is almost negligible. Once the principle of communal representation even in the services is accepted, every attempt should be made to give every recognised community its due share as speedily as possible, of course, with due regard to minimum educational qualification.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

It is almost as difficult to hide a cough as it is to hide love.

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The man who boasts of his ignorance has reached the ultimate.

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If you wish to gain a woman's everlasting friendship ask her advice and follow it

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Nearly all that glitters has been offered as an inducement for people to part with their money.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

Sir Raza Ali said that the feeling among the educated young Muslims was that the League should reach a settlement with the Congress.

The Raja of Pirpur said that Sir Raza Ali did not correctly represent the younger generation who were with the League.

Nawab Ismail Khan asked what were the views of Sir Raza Ali.

Mr. Jinnah felt that the views expressed might be the views of Sir Raza Ali put in the mouths of the younger generation.

Sir Raza Ali protested and said that he acted only as a messenger. He made to clear that he never suggested that a settlement should be reached by anyone other than Mr. Jinnah.

—From report of the meeting of the Council of the All-India Muslim League.

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POLITICAL PETER PANS

Lord Halifax, addressing members of the University of Oxford as Chancellor of the University, declared, referring to the present war, that "the real conflict to-day was between youth and youth and this was the kernel of our future problems."

Lord Halifax was born in 1881
Prime Minister Chamberlain 1869
Mr. Winston Churchill in 1871
Sir John Simon in 1873
Sir Samuel Hoare in 1880

And even poor Adolf Hitler now finds himself on the wrong side of fifty, while Uncle Joe of Moscow is running 61.

Marshal Mannerheim of Finland is, of course, merely a kid of 80.

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Four British Field Marshals have arrived on the Western Front.

—to celebrate Hore-Belisha's sack?

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Berlin is living in hopes, says a report referring to the forthcoming visit of Mr. Sumner Welles.

Berliners shivering in the present unprecedented cold have at last something to be warm about.

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Sir Andrew Clow pointed out in the Central Assembly that considering the total budget, the amount of the demands of Rs. 1,50,00,000 would be found to represent a very small percentage of error in estimating.

A nought or two matters not, —what?

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"Although the smoke-screen of mystery is projected across Mr. Welles' trail from capital to capital of war-darkened Europe, the Nazis who themselves take a hand in this camouflage, are no fools."

They can surely smell the smoke and see through the screen even in the dark, like the scribe.

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To-day's Prize Howler

(Perpetrated by the Junior Colleague).

After completing his European itinerary, Mr. Sumner Welles proposes to go on a pilgrimage to Mount Pleasant. He is reported to be the bearer of a confidential letter from the President Roosevelt to the Permanent President of the Muslim League, seeking the latter's "tips" for getting elected to the White House for the third time in succession.

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Maharashtra's long quest for the famous Ranji Trophy has ended at last, writes the special correspondent of an Anglo-Indian contemporary.

And so has the distortion of Maharashtra's history.

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Napoleon never muzzled the Press, was the sapient observation made by a gentleman broadcasting from the Calcutta station of the A. I. R.

Nor Charlemagne, Alexander and Caesar, we guess.

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NIZAM'S SQUADRON MAKES HISTORY.

—Headline.

And His Exalted Highness reads it.

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A recruit reported sick and complained to the Medical Officer that he couldn't eat.

The M. O. first inspected his teeth and tongue, then his throat and tonsils. Finding nothing wrong, he prodded the lad in the stomach and back and asked him if he had any pain at all.

"No, sir," said the recruit.

"Well, I can't find anything wrong," replied the M. O. "How do you feel yourself?"

"Quite O. K., sir."

"Well, why on earth can't you eat?"

"I've lost my knife and fork."

The wise man not only lets his wife have the last word, but he is tickled to death when she reaches it.

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Qualities that make a man feel superior are usually ones that cause his acquaintances to rate him as inferior.

FINNISH ARTILLERY POUND SOVIET FORCES

Great Battle For Shell-Wrecked Viipuri

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 28.

It is believed that Russian reinforcements have arrived all along the Karelian Isthmus Front and according to estimates current in Helsinki, there are at least 175,000 Russian troops in front of Viipuri.

It is reported in Stockholm that two divisions are now attacking in the Viipuri Front where the fighting is as bitter as was at Summa a fortnight ago.

The Finns have also received reinforcements and are offering stout resistance.

HELSINKI, Feb. 28.

A great battle for the deserted and shell-wrecked Viipuri has been raging all to-day. While the Finnish artillery is pounding Russians round the Bay of Viipuri their newly arrived foreign warplanes have been making intensive bombing raids on Russian lines. Bombs dropped on ice, hurled tanks, guns and men into the icy waters of the Bay. Because of the more easily defendable nature of the grounds, experts in Helsinki have little doubt that the Finnish forces before Viipuri will continue to hold out. To-night a considerable rise in the temperature gives hope that bad weather may come to hamper the Soviet onslaught.—Reuter.

FINNISH CLAIMS

A Finnish "communique" says that in the Karelian Isthmus, the Finns fought defensive battles inflicting heavy losses. Several tanks were destroyed. There was very heavy artillery activity on both sides.

North-west of Lake Ladoga, enemy attempts to advance were repulsed.

Yesterday the Finnish Air Force carried out reconnaissance flights and bombed columns and lines of communication and other objectives on the Gulf of Finland and on the coast.

There was Soviet air activity on the Karelian Isthmus and the region north-east of Lake Ladoga.

Near Petsamo, several enemy squadrons were observed, but their bombing did not cause much damage.

Soviet air activity over the interior was feeble. One civilian was killed and a few buildings were damaged. Two Soviet planes were brought down.

FATE OF VIIPURI IN BALANCE

MOSCOW, Feb. 28.

A "communique" issued by the Headquarters of the Leningrad military area states: "On the Karelian Isthmus the Soviet troops are breaking through enemy's fortified zone and have occupied 13 defensive fortifications including nine artillery forts.

On the other sectors of the front nothing of importance has occurred.

In a number of areas the Soviet aviation successfully bombed enemy troops and military objectives. Six enemy planes were brought down in air combats.

VIIPURI IN DANGER.

A Helsinki, message says: Soviet pressure against Viipuri is being applied on as wide a front as possible in order to discover any weak points in the Finnish defences.

Wave after wave of Russian attacks have been launched against fortified islands in the Gulf of Finland and along the entire Karelian Isthmus. The fate of Viipuri is in balance.

The Finns are still standing firm and the Russians are stated to have suffered enormous losses in men and material.

ANOTHER FRONT TO DEFEND?

A Stockholm message says:—In the Isthmus battle there is a danger that the Finns may soon have another front to defend. When they reach the tip of Koivisto Peninsula the Russians will be only five miles from the main Finnish south coast near Saekkijaervi which has been evacuated by the civilian population.

The loss of Koivisto fortress has opened up the way for such an advance. Previously Finnish batteries there had effectively checked any outflanking movement of this kind behind the Mannerheim Line.—Reuter.

New Line Of Resistance

LONDON, Feb. 28.

Reuter's military correspondent states that a point of outstanding importance regarding the Finns' new line of resistance is that it is 20 miles shorter than the old line, and thus conserves men. The Russians are attacking Viipuri from several directions with their main attempt aiming at encirclement from the west by attacking across the ice-bound sea of the Bight of Viipuri, in conjunction with a further push from Kaislathi on the Mainland.

This brings Uras, another Finnish fortress, into the scene of operations. Like Koivisto it is strongly placed to protect the Finns right flank. It is on a peninsula joined to the mainland by a narrow spit of land carrying a railway to Kaislahti. Fighting on the Petsamo Front has caused Finnish retirement to Nautsi where field defences had previously been prepared, but a diversion of this nature can have little influence on the Isthmus battle even if the latter has now reached its most critical stage.—Reuter.

How Foodstuffs Reach Germany

LONDON, Feb. 23.

It is understod in London that authorities in Rumania, Jugoslavia and the Netherlands will take steps to stop wholesale depletion of the stocks of foodstuffs in certain areas in their respective countries by parcel remittances to Germany arising from activities of the concern known as "Fortra Corporation" in the United States which, for example, charges 8½ dollars for a parcel of foodstuffs which can be bought in Holland and sent to Germany for a little more than three dollars. The corporation thus apparently makes a profit of 5 dollars on each parcel and the balance is at the disposal of the Germans. It is suggested in some quarters that a large trade between Germany and Sweden is being carried on *via* Spain. Substantial German owned balances in Spanish *pesetas* are being released to Swedish buyers who make purchases with them in Spain and ship goods to Sweden. In return for the release of *pesetas* to them, it is alleged, Swedish traders are permitting proportionately greater exports of Swedish goods to go to Germany. The British authorities, however, are said to be viewing the situation without undue concern.—Reuter.

U-BOAT COLLIDES WITH STEAMER

OSLO, Feb. 28.

According to the Bergen newspaper "Gulatidende", the Norwegian steamer "Arnfinn" collided with an U-Boat last night. The crew state that the submarine has probably sunk.

The "Arnfinn" sprang a serious leak as a result of the collision. The crew managed to keep her afloat with pumps until within sight of the Norwegian coast when the ship was half-submerged and the crew was taken off by a Danish steamer.

The submarine's periscope was torn off but her ultimate fate is not known.

The master of the "Arnfinn" stated in an interview that it was only a supposition that the vessel involved was a submarine. The vessel's hull was not seen nor was the periscope sighted. The vessel's nationality is not known. The collision occurred off the Scottish Coast on February 24.—Reuter

Danish Trawler Machinegunned

AMSTERDAM:—The Danish trawler "Olympia" was machinegunned by an aeroplane while "en route" to the English coast on Sunday and was forced to proceed to a Dutch port. Dutch authorities have begun an enquiry to ascertain the nationality of the attacking aircraft.

SHIP STRIKES MINE IN NORTH SEA

LONDON, Feb. 27.

One lascar was killed and 15 injured and two officers were injured when "Clan Morrison" (5936 tons) struck a mine in the North Sea.

The crew landed at an east coast port on Sunday.—Reuter.

S. AFRICAN BUDGET

Excess Profits Duty Of 10 Shilling In A Pound

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 28.

New taxation measures for South Africa were announced by the Finance Minister, Mr. Hofmeyer, while presenting the budget to-day. Although the position of incometax and supertax will not be altered the 30 per cent. rebate for individuals and companies will be withdrawn. There will also be an excess profits duty of ten shillings in a pound but this will not apply to the gold mines. Separate arrangements are made for taxing the gold mines.

Mr. Hofmeyer announced that he intended to levy on the gold mining industry a special contribution of 3-1/2 million pounds. South Africa is also to have a war expense account of 14 million pounds. South Africa's revenue for the coming year is estimated at 45 million pounds and the expenditure at nearly 3/4 of a million more.

WAR EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Presenting the war budget to the assembly, Dr. J. H. Hofmeyer stated that the estimated revenue in 1940/41 on the existing basis of taxation was £44,868,000 excluding amounts accruing to the State in respect of the price of gold in excess of 150 shillings per ounce. The estimated expenditure is £45,595,000. Dealing with the proposed taxation Dr. Hofmeyer announced the creation of a war expenses account and he estimated that 14 million pounds would be required of which 2-1/4 million was at present available. Referring to the taxation of the goldmines he announced the abandonment of the provision limiting gold minings companies proceeds to 150 shillings per ounce. As a recompense, he proposed to impose on the goldmining industry a special contribution of 3-1/2 million pounds. The general object is particularly to benefit the lowgrade mines and mines outside Witwaters Rand area and extend the life of the industry. An excess profits duty of ten shillings in the pound would be imposed, but it would not apply to the gold or diamond mining industries. Dr. Hofmeyer proposed a further twoshillings in the pound as a special contribution by the diamond industry. The basis of the normal incometax and supertax would not be altered, but the 30 per cent. rebate on both individuals and companies would be withdrawn.—Reuter.

CONGRESS CABINET MEETS

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will be taken before Mahatma Gandhi leaves Patna.

Although the name of the author of to-morrow's resolution is being kept a close secret it can be safely stated that the final draft will be polished by the master-hand of Gandhiji.

Only General Discussion

"Nothing has materialised as yet. We were only having a general discussion," said Babu Rajendra Prasad to the "United Press" representative.

Babu Rajendra Prasad further said that the Committee had been discussing subjects to be taken up at the Ramgarh Congress, but he was not sure if the draft resolutions would be released to the press immediately.

All Power To Mahatma

It is, however, thought that the Working Committee will, in all likelihood, after reviewing the political situation in the light of the last talk between H.E. the Viceroy and Gandhiji and official statements thereafter, invite Gandhiji officially to take up the leadership, and history may repeat itself inasmuch as it is thought quite probable that, armed with the full authority of the Congress, Gandhiji will make once more an effort to reach a settlement "honourable to both nations", willing as he may be to avoid a struggle especially in view of England's present difficulties; and if the door be still banged, the year 1940 may witness yet another big struggle, planned in accordance with the Gandhian technique.

Besides drawing up a programme of work for the Ramgarh Congress and going into several routine matters, the affairs of the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee are likely to come up, and the Committee will devote some time to the question of maintaining discipline and place concrete proposals before the Congress.

To all appearances, the Committee will have a five-day sitting, after which Gandhiji will proceed to Wardha. From there he will go to Ramgarh to open the exhibition on March 10.

Socialist Leaders Meet Mahatma

Mr. Jaiprakash Narain, Acharya Narendra Deo and Dr. Rammanohar Lohia who had a talk with Mahatma Gandhi for over two hours will continue their talk after evening.

It is understood that they had some discussions with Gandhiji as to the latter's plan of work. Mr. Jaiprakash Narain is issuing a statement to-morrow on the anti-Compromise Conference.

The "United Press" understands that preparations for holding the Anti-Compromise Conference at Ramgarh are causing some embarrassment in certain quarters, and it is not impossible that elaborate precautions will be taken with a view to avoiding any untoward incident.—United Press.

Two Nazi 'PLANES SHOT DOWN IN FRANCE

PARIS, Feb. 28.

It is learned that two German planes have been brought down in France during the last 48 hours.

R. A. F. Over German Bases

The British Air Ministry announces that last night aircraft of the R. A. F carried out extensive reconnaissance flights over northern Germany The aircraft flew over Berlin and Hanover and enemy Naval Bases at Kiel and Cuxhaven were successfully reconnoitred.

Nazi 'Planes Driven Off By Trawler

When the Aberdeen trawler "Arora" was attacked by two German planes in the North Sea yesterday, the trawler replied with her gun.

The planes were driven off and one disappeared with smoke pouring from its tail and gradually losing height.

The "Arora" was raked with machinegun fire and hit by an incendiary bomb. For about 20 minutes the Skipper and the Chief Engineer replied to the attack with a Lewis gun.

The "Arora" was one of four trawlers attacked by German planes off north-east Scottish coast yesterday. The others were "Billsdean", "Graigcoil Leach" "Strathrannoch". The "Bills dean", "Craigcoil Leach" were fishing together and were attacked by a single machine which dropped bombs and used its machinegun. Bullets hit the vessels but the crews escaped injury. The "Strathrannoch" continued her trip but the others returned to port.

Foreign 'Planes Over Holland

THE HAGUE:—It is officially announced that foreign aeroplanes were observed over a province in north Holland last night and their nationality could not be identified. After Dutch anti-aircraft guns had opened fire on them the planes left the Netherlands territory.

GERMANY LOSES TWO 'PLANES

BERLIN, Feb. 28.

A German High Command communique admits that two German planes failed to return from their visit to Britain.—Reuter.

Return Of Germans Demanded

TOKYO, Feb. 28.

The spokesman said that the Government is still demanding the return of the remaining Germans.—Reuter.

COMMUNAL PROBLEM

Bengal Plan To Find Abiding Solution

CALCUTTA, Feb. 28.

The second session of the "Communal Unity Conference", convened by the Premier of Bengal has been fixed for March 9.

After the communal position has been surveyed by Hindu and Moslem representatives of the conference, it will resolve into several Committees in order to tackle the problem in all its bearings.—A. P.

GERMANY BRIBES SWEDEN

NEW YORK, Feb 28.

All Swedish types of armaments captured by Germany in Poland will be sold to Sweden by Germany, according to reports in diplomatic circles, says the "New York Times" in a Washington dispatch. It is added that Germany has also agreed to deliver anti-aircraft guns manufactured in Poland under Swedish patents. Owing to the delicate diplomatic situation in Scandinavia, it is thought that diplomatic denials may be made but the reports are believed to be derived from detailed information. The newspaper adds it is thought that diplomatic quarters in Germany may be anxious to prevent the Soviet from advancing further to the West, and it is also pointed out that the deal may be for purely economic reasons if Germany is hard pressed for cash or Sweden may have been able to bring concessions from Germany for her refusal to yield to the allied pressure to drop her neutral position.—Reuter.

Oxford Honour For Tagore

LONDON, Feb. 28.

In Convocation the Oxford University agreed to confer the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Literature on Dr. Rabindranath Tagore.

The degree will be conferred by delegates appointed by the Chancellor.—Reuter.

Turkish Students For Britain

ANKARA, Feb. 28.

Forty Turkish students are going to Britain to take shipbuilding and engineering courses in British shipyards under an agreement between the British and Turkish Governments.

The students were in Germany for a course in German shipyards until the outbreak of the war when they were recalled to Turkey.—Reuter.

Quiet Day On Western Front

PARIS, Feb. 28.

A communique states "Quiet Day."—Reuter.

LAND SALES IN PALESTINE RESTRICTED

But Jewish National Home Will Be Developed

LONDON, Feb. 28.

In the Commons, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald announced that the High Commissioner for Palestine had been authorised to issue regulations controlling the transfer of land from the Arabs to the Non-Arabs in certain areas. Mr. MacDonald mentioned that for reasons connected with the international situation, the Council of the League of Nations had not been able to discuss the last report of the Permanent Mandates Commission, but His Majesty's Government had furnished the Council with a copy of the Regulations in case any of its members should wish to ask that Council to be convened to discuss the matter. A White Paper issued on the subject points out that the Government was charged under the Mandate to facilitate Jewish immigration, but it was also charged to ensure that the rights of other sections of the population were not prejudiced. The Government are convinced that it would be dangerous further to ignore the warnings from impartial commissions regarding the serious congestion of the Arabs in certain areas. Nothing was more likely to contribute to renewed bitterness and violent disorders than the existence of a considerable landless Arab population. Therefore, the High Commissioner has been authorised to proceed with land regulations providing for the delimitation of zones where land sales from the Arabs to the Jews should be restricted, prohibited or free. These restrictions would not prevent further development of a Jewish National Home and land purchases could be continued on a considerable scale in many areas, including the greater part of the maritime plain of eastern Galilee and between Haifa and Pantura. Regulations are not fixed for all time and the High Commissioner could review and modify them.

TWO ZONES.

The Regulations provide for two zones. In the first zone transfer of land to anyone except a Palestinian Arab will be prohibited generally. In the Second zone the limitation applies to the land already held by the Palestinian Arabs and they will not be allowed to transfer it to anyone who is not a Palestinian without the sanction of the High Commissioner. Government's sanction will be given in special circumstances.

The issue of these Regulations restricting the sale of land was foreshadowed in the Government's statement of policy made last May.

Mr. Attlee, Leader of the Labour Opposition, protested against the Regulations and added that the League Council was disregarded and the British Government were flouting the League's authority.

Mr. MacDonald replied that the Government were not disregarding the League and added that they were ready to discuss the matter if the League wanted it Mr. MacDonald went on to say that they were faced with a delicate situation in Palestine and practical objections to putting the Regulations in draft and suspending them until the Council could consider them.

Mr. Amery (Conservative) said that some Government supporters had some misgivings.

Another Conservative member asked why this measure should be introduced now after six months peace in Palestine To this Mr. MacDonald replied that that peace might have been prejudiced if the control of land had not been introduced.

STOP PRESS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.

Mr. Cordell Hull stated that conversation was under way between American diplomats and foreign Governments all over the world in the interest of preventing forces of autarchy, regimentation and totalitarianism from gaining control after the end of the war. Mr. Hull revealed that copies of his recent statements concerning contacts with Neutrals with a view to establishing a better world order after the war had been sent to all American representatives abroad so that they could bring them to the attention of the Governments to which they were accredited. Mr. Hull said that the action was taken with a view to making preparations for postwar adjustments economic and military. He emphasised that the conversations had nothing to do with conditions during the war. Mr. Hull said that if the forces of peace and stability—especially economic forces—were not organised preparatory to a transition and reconstruction period after the war, forces of autarchy, regimentation and totalitarianism would proably have the same tendency they had after the world war. This tendency was to spread their practices on an ever-narrowing and more disastrous basis through increasing areas of the world with much worse destructive effects than followed a similar policy after ten years of the postwar period.—Reuter.

SUMNER WELLES ON HIS MISSION: DEPARTURE FOR BERLIN

Sounding Depths Of European Waters And Testing Currents

ROME, Feb. 27.

Mr. Sumner Welles is leaving shortly after midnight for Berlin. Sgr. Mussolini warmly invited Mr. Welles to visit him when he returns to Rome 'en route' to New York.

Mr. Welles in an interview today described his mission as 'sounding the depths of European political waters and testing the currents".

While confessing that he was greatly elated at the cordial reception accorded to him in Rome Mr. Welles disclaimed any suggestion that he brought proposals from Mr. Roosevelt to any European Government. He was completely reticent about the result of his conversations in Rome.

Diplomatic and political quarters discredit the belief that moves to stop the hostilities might be expected on Mr. Welles's return to Washington "unless he works a miracle in London, Berlin and Paris".

Nevertheless, hopes that the visit will bring concrete results of a valuable nature are considered to be wellfounded and interest in the mission remains undiminished.

Mr. Welles also saw the German Ambassador to-day. It is gathered that the message he brought from Mr. Roosevelt for the Duce was a personal letter in the nature of an introduction for Mr. Welles.

Mr. Sumner Welles left Rome for Berlin at midnight, according to the Rome radio.—Reuter.

Sumner Welles On Way To Berlin

LONDON, Feb. 28.

Mr. Sumner Welles is now on his way to Berlin from Rome. To-day he broke his journey in Switzerland.—Reuter.

Roosevelt Returning To Washington

LONDON, Feb. 28.

President Roosevelt is on his way back to Washington after his visit to the Panama Canal Zone.—Reuter.

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Devdas and Parvati—otherwise known as Saigal and Jamuna—in a scene from New Theatres' "Zindagi," directed by Barua, a forthcoming release.

"Chronicle" Campaign

FOR BETTER CINEMAS

Give Us Some Fresh Air For A Change; Theatre In Stinking Locality; Confusion Of Timings

"All parts of such premises shall be properly and sufficiently ventilated. Cinema theatres should be completely cleaned, swept out and flushed with air once between the hours of 8 and 9-30 p.m. when shows are given successively from 5-30 to 12-30 or longer."

This is Rule No. 154 of the Government Rules and Regulations for Places of Public Amusement. In the large number of theatres showing Indian films it is observed only in its breach. A year ago, thanks to an agitation and thanks to the vigilance exercised by the then Minister of Health, Doctor Gilder, some efforts were made to enforce it. But since then the theatres have again reverted to the old conditions.

How important such an arrangement is in interests of public health can be gauged from the fact that crowded, ill-ventilated places like cinemas can be instrumental in spreading infectious diseases.

THE SANCTIFIED AIR!

The Indian cinema houses start their shows at 3-30 p. m. (which means the hall is sometimes crowded even at 3 p. m.) and then with hardly any intervals between one show and another, the last show ends at about 1 a.m. On Satudrays, Sundays and holidays invariably there are matinee shows at 1-30 p. m. and often morning shows at 9-30 or 10 a. m. so that the places are kept crowded for practically fifteen hours at a stretch.

Our Indian pictures are so long that there is no time for the theatre to be "completely cleaned, swept out and flushed with air" between the shows. We know the procedure, particularly at theatres showing popular pictures. As the spectators of the first show leave by one side, the crowd for the second show is allowed to rush in by the other side.

It almost appears as if the 'old', contaminated air in these theatres has acquired a sanctified importance and is being religiously preserved for years and years.

We believe the Health Department of the Government and the Corporation are entitled to enforce these laws on the theatres. One wishes their inspectors see a few consecutive shows in the four-anna class of an Indian theatre and find out how it feels.

UNPLEASANT SIGHT

An esteemed contributor has reminded us in this connection that certain theatres in the city are certain in the most undesirable localities. For instance, there is one just opposite the meat and fish shops at Crawford Market. Neither the sight nor the inevitable stench is a pleasant experience for those who go for an evening's amusement. It is amazing that such an obvious fact is not taken into account when granting licences for building theatres

WHAT TIME IS THE SHOW?

For some weeks on this page the show timings of the various theatres are being given in the Bombay Film Diary. Now study them. You will find that each cinema has its own set of timings. If one believes in 4, 7 and 9-45, another one begins the shows at 3-30, 6-45 and 9-30. All possible variations have been worked out. And on top of that timings at the same theatre also keep on changing. The result is evident. If you want to go to see a foreign picture you know the shows are at 6-30 and 10 p.m. But if you want to go to see an Indian picture you can't off hand say whether the shows are at 3, 6-30 and 9-30 or 3-30, 7 and 10. For all you know they may be 3-45, 7-15 and 9-45! No wonder still so many people prefer to see third rate foreign pictures than good Indian picture.

We believe there is a sort of Exhibitors' Association. Can't it justify its existence by standardizing these show timings?

"BHAKTHA CHETHA"

Tamil Film On Sunday

After "Thyagabhoomi," "Bhaktha Chetha" is Mr. K. Subramanyam's latest production. Though the theme seems to be a deviation from the social to the devotional and Puranic, this story from Mahabarata has all the thrills of a major battle between the Sanatanists and the Harijans in which the orthodoxy has to surrender to the 'bakhti cult' of the Harijan.

South Indian cine-goers can be assured of a rare film in the release of "Bhakta Chetha" at the Broadway next Sunday morning.

The picture has been booked for three shows—on the 3rd, 7th and 10th March, but it will not be surprising if it has an extended run.

The names of the Madras United Artistes Corporation and its famous director K. Subramanyam, who have several hits to their credit, are enough to guarantee an outstanding quality picture.

The story of "Bhaktha Chetha" is of absorbing interest. It tells in a series of dramatic sequences the simple devotion of a cobbler who stakes his all and undergoes a series of inhuman torture at the hands of a high-caste Hindu who is more pompous than pious.

The dramatic climax when the high priest falls at the feet of the cobbler when he comes to know and is made to realise that devotion is not the monopoly or preserve of one man or one caste.

Prominent among the stellar roles are Smti. G. Subbalakshmi. Papanasam Sivan, Kothamangalam Suppu, S. R. Janaki and others. The first two are bound to provide the fans with a plethora of song-hits.

SHE PLEADS THE WOMEN'S CAUSE!

Rose Appears In Interesting Scene In India Artists' "Bahurani"

"Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen!".

A girl—smart, well-dressed, sophisticated—is addressing the College debating society. An audience of several hundred co-eds listens in silent admiration.

This girl is a regular fire-brand. She champions the cause of her sex with a trenchant rhetoric. Her logic is unanswerable, her sarcasm devastating.

"How dare man treat us as inferiors", she thunders, "History has proved that women can be as intelligent, as brave, as resourceful as men. Look at what Joan of Arc did for France. Look how valiantly Rani of Jhansi fought for her country. Look at Madame Curie, look at Mrs. Naidu ....."

Look at her, this symbol of resurgent young womanhood of

ROSE
"Women of the world, Arise."

India! She is no "Bahurani". She is Rose—in one of the most effective scenes from India Artists' maiden film that was shot last week—in the role of a modern College girl. "Bahurani" is Anuradha And the young man, torn between the glamour of emancipated womanhood and the devotion of the conventional "Hindu" housewife, is Kishore Sahu.

This then seems to be the theme of "Bahurani". I presume following the popular pattern, India Artists will also seek to glorify the meek, uncomplaining, selfless "Bahurani". That way lies box-office value and the benediction of conventional society. At the same time, I hope, they will resist the temptation of giving another cruel caricature of college girls which we find in so many so-called 'social' films. Glorify the devoted wife by all means. But also give a sympathetic characterization of the modern woman who is so often libelled by orthodoxy and obscurantism, prejudice and misunderstanding.

"KANGAN" CREATES 2 BOX-OFFICE RECORDS

"Kangan," the Bombay Talkies romance, is about to create a double record—for its producers and for its theatre.

"Achhut Kanya"—agreed on all hands so far to be best film coming from Malad—had a first run of eighteen weeks at Roxy in Bombay, although in Calcutta it ran over twenty-five weeks. "Jeevan Prabhat" and "Bhabi," two other vastly popular Bombay Talkies pictures, had a Bombay run of seventeen and fourteen weeks respectively; although, again, "Bhabi" created a long-run record for Hindi films in Calcutta.

And now it has been given to "Kangan" to create another record for Bombay Talkies. Now in its eighteenth week, "Kangan" has virtually crossed the "Achhut Kanya" mark and appears to be heading for a silver jubilee.

BOMBAY FILM DIARY

CENTRAL: "Manoos" (Marathi). Prabhat Shantaram production, starring Shanta Hublikar, Shahu Modak. No intelligent cinegoer dare miss it. At 3-45, 6-45, 9-45 p.m. (25th and last week. From Saturday "Goraknath")

IMPERIAL: "Takdeer-ki-Tope" Bharat Laxmi's comedy, featuring Vithaldas Pancholia, Nisar, Husn Banu, etc., (Third week). At 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.

KRISHNA: "Jawani-ki-Reet." New Theatres' entertaining film, starring Kananbala with Najam Nemo and Jagdish. (Eighth week). At 4-15, 7-15 and 9-45 p.m.

MAJESTIC: "Mazi Ladki" (Marathi). Comedy, featuring Jayshree, Ratnamala, Dinkar, etc. (Seventh and last week. From Saturday "Raigad"). At 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m.

MINERVA: "Pukar". Sohrab Modi's screen achievement reviving the old Moghul glory. Featuring Naseem, Chandra Mohan and Sohrab Modi. Very popular. Should be seen. (30th week). At 3-45, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.

OPERA HOUSE: "Achhut." (in Hindustani). Ranjit's purposeful picture with a message, starring Gohar, Motilal, Vasantee, Sitara, Mazhar, Charlie, etc. Must be seen. (Tenth week). At 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.

PATHE: "Mud" (Apni Nagaria). Starring Shobhana Samarth, Nazir, Jayant, Singh, etc. Progressive slant on Labour versus Capital theme. Worth seeing. (Fifth week). At 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.

PLAZA: Sagar's "Only Way" (Revival).

WEST END: "Will." Minerva comedy, featuring Sheela Jagirdar, Sunalini, Eruch Tarapore, etc. Amusing in parts. At 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m. (Sixth week).

ROXY: "Kangan". Bombay Talkies' production, starring Leela Chitnis, and Ashok Kumar. Interesting, sentimental melodrama. Some good songs. Very popular. Should be seen. (18th week). At 4, 7 and 10 p.m.

SUPER: "Ek-He-Bhool" Prakash production, featuring Jairaj, Mehtab, Umakant, etc. At 4-30 7 and 9-45 p.m.

ON SATURDAY YOU WILL KNOW!

What were the four best Indian films produced in 1939? And which one was the best of them all?

On Friday evening the Blind Ballot conducted by the Film Journalists Association of India will be opened and the result declared.

Watch the Screen Page on Saturday and compare the critics' selections with your own!

SADHONA THE DANCER
in a scene from "Kumkum," Sagar's Hindustani - Bengali picture, coming to Imperial shortly.

HARIN COMING TO CAPITOL

"Ranga Mela" From Saturday

The art-loving public will be delighted to have an opportunity to witness a gorgeous revue "Ranga Mela" which the Harindranath Sunita Art-Players will present at the Capitol Theatre commencing from Saturday next. Sunitadevi—the celebrated film artiste—who contributed some interesting dances to "Achhut Kanya" and "Jeevan Naiyya" and whose "Churiwali dance" is one of the finest bits on the Indian screen is leaving the screen for the stage and has decided to work on the stage in collaboration with Mr. Harindranath Chattopadhyaya.

To introduce to Bombay "Harin"—the poet and artiste—and

"ACHHUT!"
And Motilal looks that, too, in the Ranjit picture at Opera House.

an outstanding personality in the art-world will be carrying coal to New Castle. Sunalinidevi—the eminent danseuse—has consented to co-operate with the Harindranath-Sunita Art-Players as a guest artiste. Her classical Nritya and the one interpreting "Radha the Milkmaid"—a poem by Mrs. Sarojini Naidu will be additional attractions.

Another well-known member of the group is Mr. Mohanlal Pandethe Kathodh—who was in the Menaka troupe. He will appear in the solos of "Kamdeva" and "Krishna" and will support Sunitadevi in her "Punjabi" and "group dances."

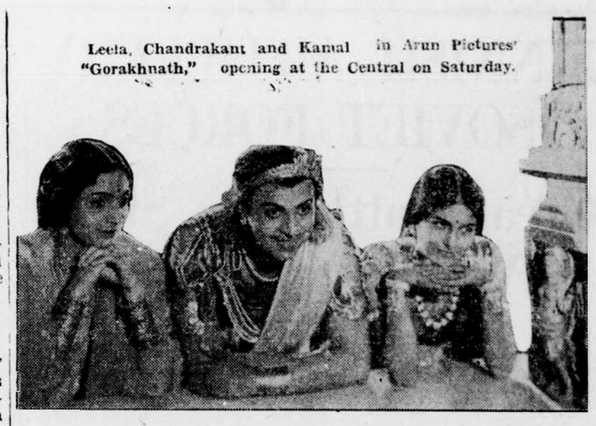
The programme has in addition two delightful dances and dramatic pieces, songs a few of which are by Dr. Rabindranath Tagore and the rest including the "Song of Freedom" and "Grass Cutters" by Mr. Harindranath Chattopadhyaya.

D. G. V.

"KUMKUM THE DANCER"

One of the notable releases expected in March is Sagar's "Kum Kum The Dancer," which will be seen at the Imperial. The film has several distinguishing features, apart from the fact that the well-known exponent of Indian dancing, Sadhana Bose stars in it. The story which is from the pen of Manmatha Ray, who is a well-known author of Bengal, is said to deal with the life of a woman who was to choose between the love for her husband and her duty towards the poor. Sadhona Bose is expected to consolidate the reputation as a polished artiste which she made in "Abhinaya."

In the supporting cast of the film there are Padma Devi, Dhiraj Bhattacharya, Priti Mazumdar, Kampta Prasad, Mohamed Ishaq, Bhudo Advani and others.



Leela, Chandrakant and Kamal in Arun Pictures' "Gorakhnath," opening at the Central on Saturday.

Two Marathi Films

'GORAKHNATH' & 'RAIGAD'

Arun Pictures' Maiden Mythological At Central And Durga Khote Coming To Majestic

The eagerly awaited Arun Pictures' mythological production "Gorakhnath" (in Marathi) will have its premiere simultaneously at the Central, Bombay, and Minerva, Poona, on Saturday, March 2nd.

The story of 'Gorakhnath', set against the colourful background of ancient India, narrates one of the dramatic episodes in the life of Gorakhnath, the most popular saint of the Nath sect. The story opens with Rohini, the daughter of the King of Suwarna and her intelligent and resourceful friend, Mangala, proceeding to Prayag in a chariot. On their way the horses become wild and the chariot runs amuck. Fortunately Gorakhnath, also on his way to Prayag, hears their cries for help and rescues them from the fateful accident by his supernatural power. At Prayag Mangala soon discovers that the king's sister, Mayavati, is opposed to the marriage between Rohini and the king of Prayag. Mayavati objects on the grounds that her husband was killed at the hands of Rohinis' father. Naturally, the scheming Mayavati plots to end the life of Rohini, but inadvertantly the king falls a victim to her intrigues. When Mangala learns about the tragic end of the King of Prayag she rushes to Gorakhnath who, heeding to her requests, restores the life of the king. But by this hasty act he has challenged the supremacy of nature. His teacher, Macchindranath, reproaching him for meddling with the natural order saves him from disgrace by entering the king's body leaving his own to be guarded by Gorakh. This incident brings Mangala and Gorakh closer and closer. Impressed by her logical arguments, her selfless devotion Gorakh begins to doubt his own former convictions about women. Perplexed he leaves Prayag and goes on a long pilgrimage. Meanwhile Mayavati, learning the secret of 'Transformation' of Macchindranath's body carries it away and decides to demonstrate the same to the people gathered to have a glimpse of the newly born heir to the throne of Prayag. But the timely arrival of Gorakhnath who through his supernatural power brings back his teacher's body to its original place, foils all her plans. In despair Mayavati commits suicide. Gorakhnath believing King of Prayag to be his 'Guru' Macchindranath, approaches him to ask a certain question. To his amazement he finds that the king is engrossed in the material aspects of the world and has lost almost all the greatness of the great Macchindranath. Only when he summons his Guru with the cries of 'Jai Alakh Niranjan' he realises that what he witnessed so far was an illusion and that Macchindranath never entered the body of the king. In the end, Macchindranath reveals to him the part women play in the progress of the world.

Produced on a lavish scale by Bhal G. Pendharkar who is also responsible for its dialogues and direction, features popular stars like Leela, Nandrekar Vimal Sardesai, Chandrakant, Kamala and others, and is of special appeal to the devotional minded Maharashtrians.

VALIANT MARATHA AMAZON

"Raigad", Bhagyadaya Pictures' first Marathi historical film, starring Mrs. Durga Khote, will also open at the Majestic on Saturday.

The picture deals with a stirring period of Mahratha history when the Moghul army were laying siege to the fort of Raigad, Suryaji Pisal who was left in charge of the fort, was tempted to sell over to the invaders. But his valiant and patriotic wife, Neera (played by Durgabai Khote) defies her husband as well as her brother to defend the fort and keep up the prestige of the Maratha army.

Besides Durgabai, others in the cast are Shantakumari, Manohar Ghatwai and Datar.

Reply To "Anti—Story Stealing Campaign Society"

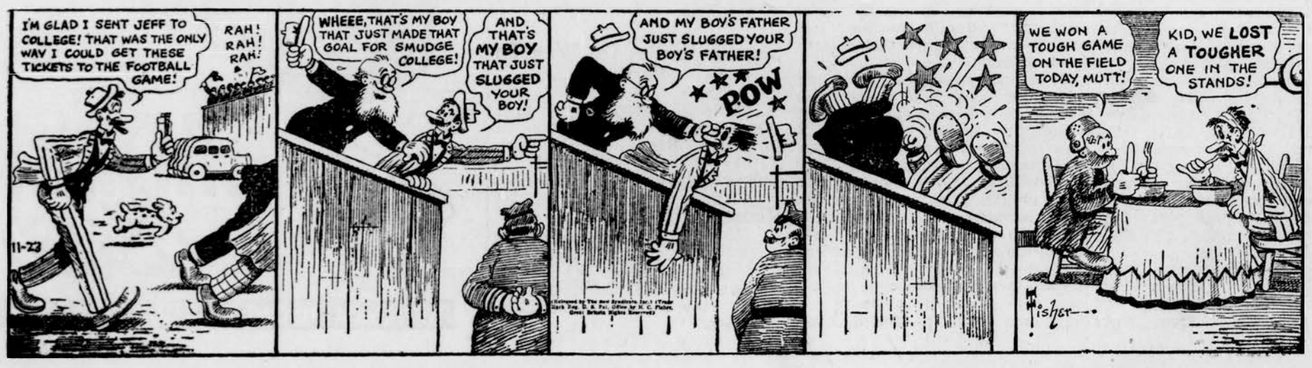
We have received an interesting and mysterious communication from someone who describes himself (or herself or themselves) as "Anti-Story Stealing Campaign Society". As the letter is not signed it cannot be published. The contents, however, are generally correct and draw pointed attention to the unfortunate practice of stealing screen stories from foreign films. A number of such instances are quoted, most of which have already been mentioned in the reviews published in "The Chronicle."

"Since we are a secret society we expect a reply through the newspapers", the letter concludes.

Our reply then is this: We appreciate all efforts directed against stolen screen stories but the "Anti-Story Stealing Campaign Society" is injuring its own cause by maintaining an amateurish, school-boyish anonymity. Unsigned correspondence, however legitimate its contents, can never be treated seriously.

"WCMAN" will be the first release of National Studios. Directed by Mahbub the cast includes Sardar Akhtar and Surendra.

MUTT AND JEFF—Come to Think of It, Most Games Are Played in the Stands By BUD FISHER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WHEEE, THAT'S MY BOY THAT JUST MADE THAT GOAL FOR SMUDGE COLLEGE!
AND, THAT'S MY BOY THAT JUST SLUGGED YOUR BOY!
AND MY BOY'S FATHER JUST SLUGGED YOUR BOY'S FATHER!
POW
WE WON A TOUGH GAME ON THE FIELD TODAY, MUTT!
KID, WE LOST A TOUGHER ONE IN THE STANDS!
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A scene from "RAIGAD" starring Durgabai Khote, coming to Majestic on Saturday.

Provincial Championship

CENTRAL INDIA AND N.-W. F. P. DRAW AGAIN

Punjab Eliminate Hyderabad:

Central India 0: N.-W. F. P. 0:

The re-play of Tuesday's drawn game between Central India and N.-W. F. P. proved the better of the two games, billed for Wednesday in the Inter-Provincial Hockey Championship. The result in this clash was again a goalless draw, despite extra time. On Wednesday it was Centrol India's day, as they proved superior when the teams met a second time. It is hard to say who will win when they face each other on Friday for the third time.

The same players as on Tuesday were outstanding. Manna Singh earning further notoriety. Two players on Central India's side showed improvement, these were Kishen, the outside right, and McMurray the right-half. This made all the difference in the attack.

HYDERABAD LOSE

The second game as compared to the earlier encounter was moderate. Punjab, as expected, won, though they were poor value for the six-goals' margin with which they left the field.

The first half of this game was anybody's, and in finish, some thought Hyderabad superior. Punjab in the first thirty minutes sorely disappointed their supporters. With the advent of the later period the Northern India team improved and netted six times. Critics feel that Punjab will have to improve vastly if they hope to get anywhere in the Championship.

Coming to individuals, Asghar and Gurbachan Singh were outstanding in the Punjab forward line. P. McDermott was a smart right wing. Cheranji was more of an asset to his forwards than an aid to the defence. It is difficult to talk about any one in the Hyderabad side. They were a game side up against superior hockey.

Four minutes of up and down play, was followed by a real chance to Central India to score, Fazal Rehman, in the N.-W. F. P. goal brought off a good save. From the re-bound Majid should have gone ahead but the great Manna Singh got his stick to the ball by throwing himself full length.

At the opposite end two dangerous raids were held up by Nabi Shah.

Though Central India were for some time in the N.-W. F. P. area, they were really dangerous once. Here, Manna Singh brought off another spectacular save deflecting a hard ground shot, again throwing himself to the ground to intercept.

The N.-W. F. P. could not get away from their own half, and spectators began to anticipate a win for Central India.

Sticks by Nabi Shah allowed N.-W. F. P. into Central India territory for a minute after a long spell.

Central India again pressed, but before half time arrived the exchanges were shared. Neither team had scored when the whistle announced the interval.

THE DUEL CONTINUED

Some more ding-dong hockey was seen on resuming, and then N.-W. F. P. went across. They were sent back and Manna Singh saved his side twice, when every one rose to see Central India score. The second interception of Manna Singh's was at the cost of a short corner, Central India reaped no benefit from it. They, however, remained in their opponents area. Here, Gurbhajan Singh was proving a sound man at back for the Frontier side.

A spectacular run down on the left by Munir ended in a near escape for the N.-W. F. P. Manna Singh, though a half-back, was earning laurels as a full back. Sticks in the ring by Gurbajan Singh gave Central India a penalty corner. MacMurray missed scoring by inches. Another short corner, here, Manna Singh got the ball and rushed with it over half-field. Manna Singh was again into the picture and he saved his side once more, conceding a short corner, which was wasted by Central India. Two long corners to the pressing side—the second saw Fazal Rehman tested with a difficult shot, which he saved.

N.-W. F. P. were definitely in difficulties and had to put their all into defence tactics. Zutshi a couple of minutes before time, should have sent in a first timer when he got possession, this might have recorded a late goal decision. Immediately after a glorious chance was thrown away by Majid, the Frontier right inner, in the other "D", though Majid's fault was not hesitation, but sticks in striking.

EXTRA TIME

The first five of the extra ten minutes were in favour of N.-W. F. P. The spell thereafter saw a great struggle for the decider which never came.

The Teams

N.-W. F. P.:—Fazal Rehman; Sarwar and Harbajan Singh; Manna Singh, Khani and Mushtaq; Sheeri; Majid, Nanak, Ranaq and Johni.

CENTRAL INDIA:—Nanney Lal; Moses and Nabi Shah; McMurray, Durga and Rozario; Kishen, Nasir.

The Punjab lost a real chance of scoring in the second minute. The referee at the Gymkhana end of the pitch almost allowed Hyderabad to score from an off-side position. A long and then a short corner to Punjab, Nazar spoilt the latter advantage—sticks. A sitter was missed by Smith, after beating both Khatil-ul-Rehman and Dittia, Smith put a weak shot to Badruddin, which was easily saved.

The exchanges were level now, neither team putting up hockey that rose to any height. Ashgar lost the second sitter of the evening for Punjab, he repeated exactly what Smith had done a little earlier—with only the goalie to beat to put a soft effort on to Badruddin's pads. In the next minutes Badruddin saved a hot effort from Ashgar. Pat McDermott missed entering Hyderabad's net just before half time, a few inches to the right would have done Punjab well.

PUNJAB LEAD

Charanji held up a dangerous raid by Hyderabad early in the second half. Some more scrappy hockey followed. Eventually, a forward movement put Ashgar in possession to the left of the ring, from where he sent in a hot shot. Badruddin stopped it haltingly and the ball sneaked between his legs over the line. A second point for Punjab followed, a goood goal this time from P. McDermott's stick.

Punjab were doing most of the pressing and Smith added a third and fourth point. Hyderabad crumpled up under pressure from Punjab and a beautiful goal from Ashgar raised Punjab's tally to five. A clever scoop by Gurbachan Singh saw Punjab put up half a dozen.

The Teams

PUNJAB:—Yusuf; Nyaz and Gafur; Rashid, Chiranji and Ghulam Hussain; Masud, P. MacDermott, Smith, Gurbachan Singh and Ashgar.

HYDERABAD:—Badruddin; Khatil-ul-Rehman and Dittia; De Monte, Gopal and, Ushaq; Dunham, Ibrahim Khan, Paul, Rehman Khan and Bhorpathy.

Cricket News

MADRAS, Feb. 28.

The deciding match for the Madras Cricket League Championship (First Division), played between the Mylapore Recreation Club and the Minerva Cricket Club ended in a draw.

The Sub-Committee of the Madras Cricket Association will meet shortly to decide whether the championship should be jointly held by the Clubs concerned in the drawn game or whether the match should be replayed.

Mylapore Recreation Club, 301 for 6 declared; (A. V. Rajagopal 171 not out; R. D. Dennison 2 for 29).

Minerva Cricket Club, 178 for 8 wickets (Ram Singh 85; Narayanaswami 4 for 27, M. A. Ganapathy 3 for 56).

TEN FOR 27.

Playing in a Second Division League Match at Madras, S. K. Ramanathan, the Eastern Club bowler proved particularly destructive playing against the Mambalam C. C. He had the distinction of taking all ten wickets for only 27 runs.

Validity Of Millowners' Notice Questioned

APPLICATION BEFORE INDUSTRIAL COURT

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Following the decision of the Girni Kamgar Union to challenge the validity of the change in wages announced by the Millowners of Bombay, an application was filed this evening, before the Industrial Court, by 5 weavers of the Standard Mills, Bombay, requesting the Court to hold the change in wages to be illegal.

The representatives of the Standard Mill's employees have cited the Millowners' Association, the management of the Standard Mills who are members of the Association and Agents of the Standard Mills as the opponents.

POINTS OF CONTENTION

The main points on which the legality of the notice of the Mill authorities announcing a cash allowance of 2 annas per working day is challenged, are the following:—

(1) That by the notice put up in the Mills on February 27, the Millowners' Association and the other opponents in the case effected changes in the wages of their employees.

(2) That prior to the notice announcing the change in wages, the Millowners' Association and other opponents had not given notice as required by Section 28 (1) of the Bombay Industrial Disputes Act of 1938.

(3) That the opponents had neither individually nor jointly, given any legal and valid intimation under Section 29 (2) of the Act to the representatives of the employees of the textile mills.

(4) That even if an intimation had been given under Section 29 (2), it was not valid and legal and was therefore void and in effective.

(4) That the appointment of the Conciliation Board was not valid and legal so far as the applicants were concerned and.

(5) That the change in wages was also illegal under the provisions of Section 73 of the Industrial Disputes Act.

BOTH PARTIES ADAMANT

In an interview to the press, a representative of the Millowners' Association clarified an important point regarding the grant of wage increase of 2 annas per working day. Questioned whether a worker who puts in half a day's work or three fourths day's work would be entitled to a proportionate share of the wage increase, the Millowners' representative replied in the affirmative.

Questioned if any non-official efforts in the matter of prevailing upon the employers to grant further concessions to workers would be of any use, the Millowners' spokesman said:—"The offer as announced by us is the final one and no useful purpose will be served in appealing to us to reconsider it."

A labour representative informed the "Chronicle" that if Bombay citizens looked forward to midnight surprises on Sunday next, as in the case of Ahmedabad, they would be sorely disappointed. There was no question of giving in at the last moment.

MILLOWNERS' CASE

In the course of a statement issued to-day, the Millowners Association states:—

The view has been expressed in a small section of the Press during the last few days that the Cotton Mill Industry of this City will easily be able to pay a 10 per cent. increase in wages and that that percentage might even be improved upon.

The position is that Bombay Mills have, so far, failed to realise prices which would compensate for the rise in the cost of raw materials, dyestuffs and stores of all kinds.

STOCKS with mills have increased by nearly 40,000 bales since the end of December.

ORDERS on hand have decreased since the end of November by more than 70,000 bales. In the last two or three months, mills have been unable to sell more than a fraction of their production, and the little bit which it was possible to sell had to be disposed of at entirely unremunerative prices.

If we go further and look at the general position of the Bombay Mill Industry, a fairly complete picture of its inability to pay increased wages could be obtained.

The total losses sustained by the Industry in the years from 1923 to 1937 amounted to Rs. 22.75 lakhs.

Since 1927-28, the number of mills in Bombay has dropped from 83 to 65. Since 1926, there have been more than 40 instances in which mills have changed hands, gone into liquidation or undergone capital reconstruction following excessive losses. Dividends to shareholders in the Mill Industry in Bombay have been the exception and not the rule.

The Managing Committee of the Girni Kamgar Union will meet on Thursday night to ratify the decision of the Council of Action of the Bombay Provincial Trade Union Congress to declare a general strike on March 4.

Can A Strike Be Declared Illegal After Termination?

ARGUMENTS BEFORE INDUSTRIAL COURT

The Industrial Court concluded on Wednesday the hearing of the application made on behalf of the Indian Manufacturing Company, Bombay, for declaring illegal the strike resorted to by the workers on February 9 and 10

WORKERS' CASE

In the course of the reply filed by them on Thursday, the workers stated that the strike had nothing to do with the matter that was referred to the Board of Conciliation. They struck work, as they were terrorised by the jobbers who insisted on their receiving their pay tickets.

CONDITION OF LIABILITY

Mr. A. S. R. Chari argued that a necessary condition of penal liability for going on strike was that the strike should take place after it was declared illegal. Criminal liability was not so much a consequence of acts done, as of the declaration of their illegality by the court.

He further argued that a mere declaration by court, would not help in fulfilling the object of the Bombay Industrial Disputes Act which was to prevent a prolonged strike.

Besides 3,000 persons had gone on strike and no notice had been served on them and they were not represented before the court.

Mr. S. C. Joshi argued that they were not the proper parties, as they had not been parties to the Conciliation proceedings.

Mr. K. M. Munshi argued that the only point for the finding of the court was if there was a strike and if it was illegal in its commencement and continuation, the question of termination or duration was not relevant.

LABOUR OFFICER WILL DO

He also submitted that the parties were properly represented both before the Board of Conciliation and before the Court, because under the scheme of the Industrial Disputes Act Labour never remained unrepresented, as long as the Labour Officer was present.

On the question of parties and valid notice to all of them, Mr. Munshi submitted that the declaration by the Court need not concern itself about how many and who took part in the strike. That was a matter to be decided by the Criminal Court before imposing the penalty. The declaration would merely say there had been a strike. It would be a declaration in rem., and would not attach liability to any particular individual.

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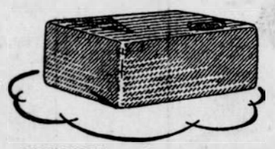

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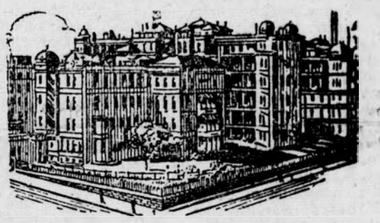

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VICEROY'S TOUR PROGRAMME

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23.

The Viceroy and the Marchioness of Linlithgow, accompanied by their personal staff, propose to make the following tours in March 1940 —

Their Excellencies will leave New Delhi on the 2nd March for a visit to Alwar and return to New Delhi on the 4th March.

They will leave New Delhi on the 6th March to visit Ajmer to see the famine area and visit the Mayo College, returning to New Delhi on the 8th March

Their Excellencies will pay an official visit to Kapurthala, leaving New Delhi on the 13th March and returning on the 17th.—A. P.

CALCUTTA JOURNAL ASKED TO FURNISH SECURITY

CALCUTTA, Feb. 27

A security of Rs. 1,000 was demanded by the Bengal Government yesterday under the Press (Emergency Powers) Act, from the printer and publisher of the "Hind", an Urdu weekly of Calcutta, and Rs. 500 from the keeper of the Hind Press where the paper is printed, for publishing in its issue of January 29 an article entitled "Martyrs' Museum", which, in the opinion of the authorities, expressed approval or admiration of murder or violence.—United Press.

Maharatta Light Infantry Training

The newly-raised 12th Battalion, 5th Mahratta Light Infantry, of the Indian Territorial Force is shortly to be embodied for training at Hardinge Lines, Belgaum.

Recruits' training will last from March 1 to 31st and the annual training from April 1 to May 31.

The battalion will consist of one company of Mahars and other Harijans, a company comprising one platoon each of Brahmins, Lingayats, Christians, and Muslims and two companies of Marathas (other castes). The last-named will not include ordinary Marathas but classes such as Kunbis, Dhangars, Kolis, Malis, Gavlis and Bhandaris.

Those wishing to enlist should apply to the Recruiting Officer, Poona, or to the Officer Commanding, 12th Battalion, 5th Mahratta Light Infantry, Belgaum.

TRIBAL RAID ON VILLAGE

BANNU, Feb. 28.

A gang of about 40 tribal bandits raided the village of Ismail Khel under the Ghoriwala police station about four miles south of Bannu at about 1 this morning. Harnam Singh, a resident of the village was kidnapped.

A pursuit party of villagers immediately rescued the kidnapped person who had been seriously wounded. He died on the way to hospital.—United Press

DEWAN CHAMANLAL RESIGNS

LAHORE, Feb. 28.

Dewan Chamanlal, M. L. A. has sent in his resignation of the Deputy leadership of the Congress Party.—A. P.

The death occurred of Khan Bahadur K. K. Sunavala retired First Class Sub-Judge on Saturday last at his residence in Poona at the age of 65. **The funeral was largely attended.**

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(From Our Correspondent.)

PATNA, Feb. 28.

Patna gave a rousing welcome to Mahatma Gandhi and Maulana Azad when they arrived to-day at 9-55 a.m. Such a magnificent welcome has never been witnessed in Bihar before. Over 1,00,000 people of all castes and creeds had assembled at Patna station to greet the "Generalissmo" of India. As soon as the train carrying Gandhiji and the Maulana steamed in the long expectant crowd with sky-rending shouts of "Mahatma Gandhi-ki-Jai," "Inquilab Zindabad", etc., rushed in for the Mahatma's "darshan" and virtually "beseiged" the train. There was such unbounded enthusiasm that many even climbed on top of the train. It was not until full half an hour had elapsed that Babu Rajendra Prasad's impassioned plea made the crowd to give passage to the Mahatma. But even then many could not restrain themselves from touching the Mahatma's feet.

The crowd followed the Mahatma's car for full two miles up to the Sadaqat Ashram. One significant incident at the station was that on a Masjid nearby hundreds of Muslims and others had climbed up even its minarets and were raising long shouts of "Mahatma-ki-Jai" and "Inquilab Zindabad".

The entire two mile route from the station to the Sadaqat Ashram was lined up on both sides with thousands of people.

Mahatma Gandhi was accorded welcome by thousands of Kisans at all stations in Bihar "en route". The whole compartment was filled with flowers. At many stations Kisans presented him with butter and milk. Mahatma Gandhi acknowledged the Kisans' greetings with a smile and often cracked jokes with them.

STUDENTS' WELCOME

After fourteen years the members and students of the Bihar Vidyapith again accorded to-day a cordial welcome to Mahatma Gandhi, who, as far back as 1926, delivered the Convocation address on the occasion of the Samabartan ceremony.

Mr. Jaiprakash Narain, General Secretary of the Congress Socialist Party, passed through Patna to-day "en route" to Fatuha.

He travelled in the same compartment as Mahatma Gandhi upto Patna Junction and had a long talk with him on the present political situation in the country.

Among those who were present to receive Mahatma Gandhi and other leaders were Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who arrived here early this morning. Dr. Rajendra Prasad Mr. Sri Krishna Sinha ex-Premier, Mr. Baldev Sahaya, Mr. M. H. Yunus, and Provincial Congress leaders.

OVATION TO PT. JAWAHARLAL

PATNA, Feb. 28.

An enthusiastic reception was accorded to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who arrived here by the Delhi Express early this morning. A volunteer corps, to the accompaniment of band, presented a guard of honour to him.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is staying in the District Engineer's Bungalow and Mr. Bhulabhai Desai is staying with Dr. Sachhidanand Sinha, vice-Chancellor Patna University.

MAULANA AZAD'S ARRIVAL

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, President-elect of the Ramgarh Congress, who arrived here this morning to attend the Congress Working Committee meeting, is staying with Mr. Yunus, former Premier of Bihar.

Interviewed by the "United Press", Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar, who also arrived this morning, said the Working Committee would discuss details of every item that would come up before it and take decisions. It was wrong, he added, to presume that any decision had been already made.

Babu Rajendra Prasad, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Acharya J. B. Kripalani went to the cottage of Gandhiji this afternoon and held discussions there for about an hour.

SHOE HURLED AT GANDHIJI

PATNA, Feb. 28.

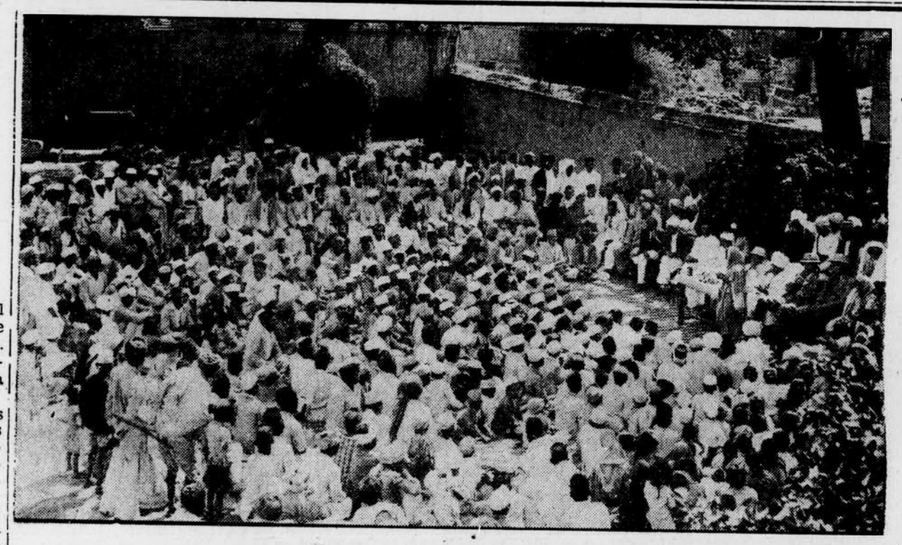
A shoe is stated to have been hurled at Gandhiji at Lilooah station, a few miles from Calcutta, last night, by an unknown person when Gandhiji left for Patna. The shoe, however, missed Gandhiji but struck Mr. Mahadev Desai, his secretary, who has kept it with him.

LEAGUE BAN ON RAZA ALI'S RESOLUTION

NEW DELHI, Feb. 28.

The "United Press" learns that the Muslim League Party in the Central Legislative Assembly, at its meeting this morning, decided not to allow Sir Raza Ali to move his resolution which is on the order paper to-day. The resolution seeks to do away with distinctions between the Britishers and Indians in the Indian Army, and to train Indians to undertake the entire defence of the country within a fixed period.

The resolution is not being moved, it appears, since it involves constitutional discussions and, by implication, accepts H. E. the Viceroy's Bombay speech and the objective of Dominion Status within the meaning of the Statute of Westminster, while the Muslim League demand is for a "de novo" examination of the whole constitutional position.—United Press.



The Secretary of the Ladies' Literacy Committee at Vinchur (Nasik Dt.) giving an account of the Ladies' work in the anti-illiteracy campaign there, on the occasion of the visit of Mr. Madan, I.C.S., Adviser to the Governor of Bombay to the place.

UNFAIR TO CONGRESS

Jawaharlal's Reply To Br. Press Comments On Azad's Election

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 27.

"A comment in a British newspaper on the Congress Presidential election seems to indicate that Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's election was arranged especially as he was a Muslim, and that, in view of the communal situation, this would be the advantage of the Congress," says Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in a signed article.

"Nothing could be further from the truth," declares the Pandit. "The suggestion is unfair to the Maulana and to the Congress. Of course, Maulana Azad is eminently qualified to tackle the communal problem, and the Congress and the country should take full advantage of his services in this as in other matters. But Congress presidents to-day have to bear a terribly heavy burden, and they are elected because Congress delegates consider them worthy of this. Never before has India had to face more difficult problems in the national and international sphere than to-day. Even the communal problem, important as it is, occupies a back place in relation to these vast issues."

"It is right that Muslims and members of minority groups should occupy the honourable and responsible position of Congress President, as they are as much concerned with this election and with India's future as any others. We, therefore, welcome the election of a Muslim. But it is wrong to think that Congress Presidents are elected for communal reasons. Certainly not Maulana Abul Kalam Azad."

Pandit Nehru affirms that they welcome the Maulana's election because he represents in an eminent measure the Congress tradition and the Congress viewpoint, and is representative of all sections of the Congress. It is well-known that for some years past the Congress presidentship has been his, if he would but agree to accept it, and it is good for the Congress and for India that he has placed the interests of the country over his own personal inclination.

B. P. C. C. Pact With Mahasabha

Calcutta Decision To Run Corporation Elections

CALCUTTA, Feb. 27.

An agreement has been arrived at between the Congress and the Hindu Mahasabha for running the ensuing Corporation elections on a joint basis and providing for team work thereafter, according to a communique issued by the leaders of both the parties to-night.

A selection committee consisting of Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, Mr. Rajendra Chandra Deb, President of the B. P. C. C. and Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose and three nominees of the Hindu Mahasabha will be formed to select the candidates.

Gandhiji's Good Wishes To Bengal

CALCUTTA, Feb. 27.

Squatting on a chair placed for him on the platform of a small station Mahatma Gandhi to-night said a few words of farewell to Bengal.

"I give my good wishes to Bengal from the bottom of my heart." He said to an 'Associated Press' representative, "because I consider myself as good a Bengali as I am a Gujarati."

Asked to make a statement, Mahatma Gandhi added: "What you have got from me is much better than a statement

FORWARD BLOC PLANS UPSET

Anti-Compromise Conference Asked To Stop Work Of Construction

CALCUTTA, Feb. 28.

The "United Press" is authorised by a prominent member of the 'Forward Bloc' to say that Pandit Dhanraj Sharma, general secretary of the Reception Committee of the All-India Anti-Compromise Conference, who is at present at Calcutta, received a message from Mr. Sheelbhadraya, Secretary of the Bihar 'Forward Bloc' that the Notified Area Committee had asked the Reception Committee to stop all construction work forthwith at Ramgarh.

Mr. Sheelbhadraya has been requested by the Secretary of the Reception Committee to inform the Notified Area Committee that if construction work of the Anti-Compromise Conference was stopped by force serious situation would arise, the responsibility for which would devolve on the Notified Area Committee.—United Press.

MAHATMA'S ADVICE TO MANIPUR PEOPLE

GAUHATI, Feb. 27.

Pandit Lalit Madhab Sarma and another leader of the people's movement in Manipur, who have returned here after interviewing Gandhiji, said in a press statement that Gandhiji sympathised with the plight of the people of Manipur, and expressed the opinion that they were justified in agitating for amelioration of their grievances.

Gandhiji, however, wanted them to realise his inability to render them any help except his moral support, and advised them to keep absolutely peaceful and non-violent in their agitation.—United Press.

Assembly Adjourns For Want Of Quorum

nterpellations On Overcrowding In Haj Pilgrim Ship

NEW DELHI, February 28.

A phenomenon rare in the annals of the Central Legislative Assembly happened to-day, when the House had to be adjourned for want of quorum on a non-official day.

When Mr. Essak Sait moved his resolution regarding labour legislation and industries, it was discovered that there is no quorum. The bell rang for few minutes, but the quorum could not be made, and the President adjourned the House for the day.—

OVERCROWDING IN PILGRIM SHIP

NEW DELHI, Feb. 28.

In the Central Assembly to-day, Sir Girja Shanker Bajpai, Secretary, Department of Education, Health and Lands, stated that the capacity of the pilgrim ship, the s.s. "Rizwani", of Messrs. Turner, Morrison and Company for carrying pilgrims was 1,446, but she carried 153 deck passengers, in excess of the number of passengers allowed by her certificate. The Government had realised that the deck passengers might have suffered a certain amount of inconvenience.

He further informed the House that the Government agreed to allow the s.s. "Rizwani", which was the last ship of the season, to carry passengers from Karachi in excess of the normal complement, in order to provide accommodation for a number of unexpected pilgrims, who arrived late at that port, and for whom no other ship could then be made available there in time to enable them to perform Haj. The Chairman of the Karachi Port Haj Committee requested the Government that excess up to 10 per cent. of the ship's normal capacity should be allowed.

The Government, Sir Girja Shanker added, were not aware of any intending pilgrim who had necessary funds but who was unable to perform the pilgrimage owing to lack of accommodation.

Supplementary questions were asked by Maulana Zafar Ali Khan as to whether it was a fact that the pilgrims suffered inconvenience, because the Scindia Steam Navigation Company was not allowed to carry pilgrim, and also because of the discrimination made in the allocation of the traffic.

Sir Girja Shanker replied that the Government did not refuse to allow the Scindia Company to carry passengers, but it was the latter who refused to carry passengers. Moreover, he said, the first four pilgrim ships left the ports without their full complement, and consequently the last ship had to carry passengers in excess of the number allowed by her certificate.

Dr. Ahmed Withdraws Resolution

In the course of debate on the Railway budget, Dr. Sir Ziauddin Ahmed withdrew his resolution in the Central Assembly this afternoon for the appointment of a committee consisting of railway and account experts and non-official members of the Central Legislature to formulate a sound policy for the depreciation and capital expenditure of railways.—United Press.

Adjourned For Want Of Quorum

Sir Yamin Khan's resolution urging upon the Government to establish a picture gallery in New Delhi was also withdrawn, after the Education Secretary, Sir Girja Shanker Bajpai, had assured the House that Government would carefully examine the question, when the proposal to establish a museum in New Delhi was revived.

Sir Raza Ali did not move his resolution which sought to do away with distinction between Britishers and Indians in the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force.

When Mr. Essak Sait moved his comprehensive resolution urging the control of profits of companies, salaries of managers and demanding representation of workmen on boards of Directors, there was no quorum, whereupon the President adjourned the assembly till 5 p.m. to-morrow, when the Finance Member will present the annual budget.—A. P.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

A very gracious, feminine tribute was paid yesterday to the memory of the late Sereenbai Maneckji Cursetji. It was almost a remarkable gathering when you bear in mind that it was a modest little person for whom they met. It was only fit that Mrs. Naidu should have been in Bombay to pay her tribute to this leading educationalist among the women.

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I have seen Mr. K. R. P. Shroff twice this week, on both occasions looking pleasant and cheerful. He is the right sort of man to help one to forget the depressing condition of the market.

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King Carol is to visit Italy. Will he take with him a sample of Rumanian oil?

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War news in Brief—Britain declared war in September, will begin an offensive in Spring and will formulate its war aims when the war is over.

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A patriotic German of the Third Reich dreamt that his Fuhrer was not of pure Aryan extraction, and that the Semite had crept into him. Next morning when he awoke he shot himself. In a letter to his wife, before he died he said: "Much better that I shoot myself now than that some one should hear me speak in my sleep."

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Before Ramgharh, a world war. After Ramghar, what?

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The Seva Sangh's divorce from politics is to be welcomed, but what is now left of the Seva Sangh?

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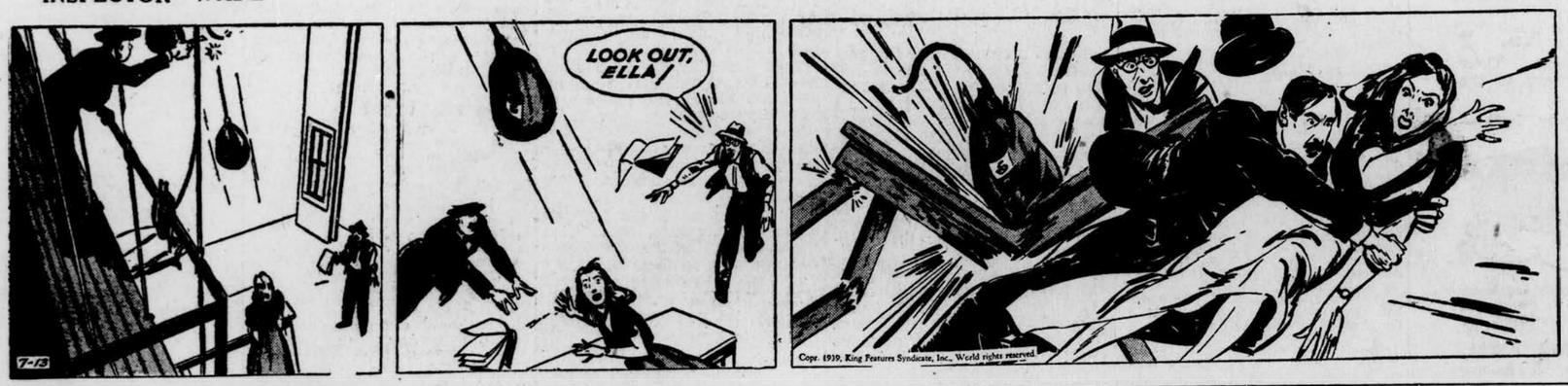
"The evil that men do lives after them, the good is oft interred with other men's bones."—Adolf Hitler.

Edgar Wallace Detective Story Day By Day

INSPECTOR WADE

THE FEATHERED SERPENT CASE



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